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Stanley Cup Finals Crosby's goal gives Penguins the win



Pittsburgh Penguin Sidney Crosby, right, scores on Detroit Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood during the second period in Game 4 of the NHL Stanley Cup Final in Pittsburgh Thursday. Crosby's goal, to give his team a 3-2 lead, would prove to be the winner as the Penguins went on to win 4-2. The best of seven series is now tied 2-2. **More coverage, pg 17**

City offers advice on 'floatables'

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SEWAGE A Halifax Water spokesman said Thursday citizens can help solve the raw sewage problem by throwing tampons and condoms into the trash, instead of flushing them down the toilet.

"Those things are not recyclable and they're not flushable," James Campbell told Metro Halifax about what can be done to stop solids from ending up in the municipality's harbour. "They should be put in the regular garbage and be taken away for landfill."

But he wouldn't say what the city's water commission is working on to block "floatables," in lieu of screens that are now being removed from sewer outfalls.

"Staff's not prepared to comment on in-camera items," Campbell said, referring to a closed door meeting held earlier this week.

But HRM Mayor Peter Kelly said Tuesday the municipality is looking at other ways to stop the solid waste, while several councillors have revealed they found out during the private meeting the federal government is investigating the Harbour Solutions snag.

Campbell confirmed the investigation, explaining Environment Canada issued "an inspector's directive" following the January shutdown of the \$54-million sewage treatment plant.

"We (have to) take all due diligence ... to get the plant operational as soon as possible," he said.

New Moon

Next week, Metro Canada gives you a look behind the scenes of New Moon, the newest film in the TWILIGHT series. We visit the Vancouver set and interview the exciting cast and director.

MONDAY — A New Moon set visit
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Debate gets dirty

Politicians pull out all the stops in CTV's election roundtable

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The knives were out for Darrell Dexter Thursday night at a lively leaders' roundtable debate on CTV, with Premier Rodney MacDonald going as far as to compare the NDP leader to a car thief.

At times viewers needed three ears to make out the party leaders talking over each other. But it wasn't hard to tell who the main target was. The Liberals and Progressive Conservatives repeatedly brought

up the \$45,000 in donations the NDP returned to unions this week.

"What it's like is someone going out and stealing a car and two weeks later they take the car back and say 'well nothing's been robbed because I took the car back,'" MacDonald said.

"That is absolutely outrageous," Dexter responded.

The NDP returned the money after it was revealed the Mainland Nova Scotia Building Trades Council had offered to reimburse nine affiliated unions for the donations.

Dexter said he did the right thing by returning the money as soon as questions were raised.

But the topic took up a large portion of the 45-minute roundtable. Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil compared the donations to the Ernie Fage scandal.

"In 2007 Mr. Dexter said of Mr. MacDonald when the Ernie Fage incident happened, either your staff are keeping something from you or you know about it. The same thing applies to you today," McNeil said.

Dexter challenged the

other leaders to end the discussion by agreeing to ban all union and corporate donations. McNeil and MacDonald both said they would be willing to discuss the issue. Dexter spent much of the time defending himself.

"Engaging in these kinds of personal attacks on the integrity of one leader or another is not what the people of the province want," Dexter said. "It is why they have become so disenfranchised from the system. It is why they have become so cynical."

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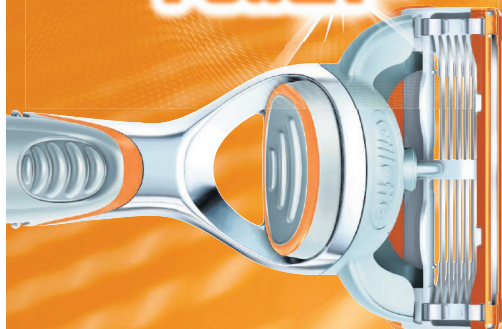
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Get ready for a BioBlitz at Saint Mary's

The second annual Saint Mary's University BioBlitz is taking place Friday and Saturday. Events feature the opening ceremonies Friday at 2:40 p.m. at Maskwa Aquatic Centre and Saturday the public can talk to local scientists at Maskwa and the Lebanese Cultural Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Monster Jam

Stars such as Grave Digger and Pure Adrenalin will be looking to crush the competition as the Monster Jam monster truck show takes place Saturday and Sunday at Scotia Speedworld. There are two shows Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m. and one show Sunday at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids aged two to 12. **METRO HALIFAX**

Wait times 'unethical': Doctor

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A local doctor was pulled into the provincial election campaign Thursday when he sent out a note to his patients that he was "giving up."

Dr. Rick Balys moved to Nova Scotia three years to set up his ear, nose and throat practice. He said he's been fighting for regular surgery time ever since but it hasn't happened.

Thursday he told his patients he had to refer them to other surgeons.

"It's just unethical for me to keep people, keep my patients on a wait list

"It's just unethical for me to keep people, keep my patients on a wait list without being able to give them a date for surgery."

Dr. Rick Balys

without being able to give them a date for surgery," he said.

"I just feel so bad. I don't even know what to tell people anymore."

Balys said non-life threatening cases often end up being delayed between one and three years for surgery. He believes that's unacceptable.

Balys said he didn't intend for his letter to promote any party. But the NDP seized on the letter

and used it to attack the Progressive Conservatives.

NDP health critic David Wilson said the inaction of the government in waiting well into the year to approve health authority budgets helped to cause the long wait times. He said when the Capital District Health Authority revealed it had a budget shortfall the government should have chipped in to help to make sure service didn't suffer.

Health Minister Karen Casey could not be reached for comment Thursday.

But Capital Health spokesman Peter Graham wasn't happy with Balys' letter. He said it was misleading and does more harm than good.

Graham said Balys moved here voluntarily and was never guaranteed regular surgery time. He added the system isn't perfect, but the most serious cases are addressed quickly.

Graham also said there are two full-time ear, nose and throat surgeons at the Dartmouth General Hospital, which is where Balys operates.

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Grades low for parties on post-secondary aid

EDUCATION Political parties need to plan more investment in post-secondary institutions members of Alliance of Nova Scotia Student Associations said at a press conference yesterday in Halifax.

Mark Coffin, executive director of ANSSA, said one of the issues facing all political parties is they do not address accessibility for minorities or the poor, adding provincial government needs to give these groups more support.

Coffin also said he would like to see a comprehensive review of the entire post-secondary education system in the province.

Matthew Anderson, president of Saint Mary's University Student Association, said 70 per cent of new jobs in Canada would require post-secondary credentials, however only 35

per cent of people between 18 and 25 in Nova Scotia currently participate.

Despite the provincial political parties receiving poor grades in education from ANSSA, Anderson said he remains "optimistic" that whoever wins this election will invest in universities and colleges.

Stephen McNeil of the Liberals was the only political leader to attend the press conference, although NDP and Progressive Conservative candidates were also there.

McNeil noted the change in tuition prices from when he attended community college at "roughly \$1,200 a year," compared to what students pay today. "There's no question, they're high and it's crippling some students."

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Dexter maintains majority hold in polls

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It was really no surprise to see the Progressive Conservatives and Liberals targeting the NDP at Thursday night's roundtable debate on CTV considering the poll released just moments before it began.

An Angus Reid/CTV poll places Dexter well into majority territory with 47 per cent support. The Liberals were in second with 26 per cent and the Tories third with 23 per cent.

The numbers are particularly devastating for Premier Rodney MacDonald.

Nearly 70 per cent of respondents said they disapproved of MacDonald's performance, while only 20 per cent approved. Exactly half the people said their opinion of the premier worsened over the course of the campaign.



Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil, NDP Leader Darrell Dexter and Premier Rodney MacDonald continue their conversation during a break from their debate at the CTV Atlantic studio Thursday.

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter has the highest approval ratings at 57 per cent, followed by Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil at 40 per cent.

Only 46 per cent of respondents who voted for

the Tories in 2006 say they will do so again this election. Meanwhile the NDP has broadened its support and scored higher than other parties on every issue mentioned — the economy, environment,

health care, education, crime and seniors care.

The poll involved 800 people reached this Monday and Tuesday and were considered accurate within 3.5 percentage points 19 times out of 20.

News in brief

BUSINESS The Canadian Federation of Independent Business sent out surveys to all four party leaders asking for their policies on tax relief and other issues affecting local entrepreneurs, the federation's Atlantic branch said yesterday. Survey responses from Progressive Conservative Rodney MacDonald, New Democrat Darrell Dexter and Liberal Stephen McNeil are all available at cfib.ca but a response from Ryan Watson of the Green party hasn't been posted. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Halifax Regional Police announced yesterday the HRP/RCMP Integrated Traffic Unit would be focusing on speeding enforcement throughout this month to help address traffic safety issues and educate people on the rules of the road. Police say they will also continue to focus on motorcycle and bicycle safety. **METRO HALIFAX**

Girls arrested in robbery, assault

INVESTIGATION Two young teenage girls have been arrested and charged in connection with a Dartmouth robbery.

A 12-year-old girl was robbed near Primrose Street and Pinecrest Drive at around 9 p.m. Wednesday. The robbers are said to have made off with her cellphone.

The girls arrested in connection with that incident are 12 and 13 years old. Police said the victim knew the suspects.

The girls are facing charges of robbery and assault causing bodily harm. They will appear in Halifax youth court at a later date.

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News in brief

RESEARCH A Halifax scientist is getting a major grant for his groundbreaking work with "a protein that has tumour suppressing abilities," the Canadian Cancer Society announced Thursday. Patrick Lee of Dalhousie University is one of 11 researchers from across the country to receive new cash, a news release said.

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Students get excellence nod

36 high schoolers across province honoured for contributions

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GEOFF DAVIES
for Metro Halifax

Innah Gaspar was totally comfortable going on an advocacy mission to Nigeria, and perfectly capable of filling a shipping container with aid supplies, but when the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia was applauding her achievement Thursday, shyness came out.

In fact, she admitted to feeling a bit embarrassed about the attention.

Gaspar, 18, was one of 36 Nova Scotia high school students recognized for winning Excellence Awards from the Millennium Scholarship Foundation Thursday at the Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron in Halifax.

The Dartmouth teen is one of only 100 students across the country to win the national level prize. Awards were also given out at the provincial and local level.



Millennium Excellence Award recipients Innah Gaspar from Dartmouth, Adam Stacey from Stellarton and Kahleah Guibault from Bedford pose for a photo outside the Saraguay House Thursday.

According to the foundation's website, the Excellence Award is given out on the basis of "academic merit, community involvement, leadership, and innovation."

The time Gaspar spent advocating women's rights, HIV/AIDS awareness, and democracy in Nigeria is part of the reason why she'll be

taking a \$25,000 scholarship with her to university next year.

"I have (had) the opportunities to meet Nova Scotians from each corner of the province," said Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis. "I am constantly impressed by their depth of passion, sense of duty, and tremendous creativity."

According to the Millennium Scholarship Foundation's website, they have awarded 12,000 excellence awards worth nearly \$50 million to students like Gaspar since 2000.

Gaspar is one of the final students to receive awards from the Millennium Foundation before its mandate expires in January 2010.

Two charged in gas station robbery

ARRESTS A 20-year-old woman has been arrested in connection with a robbery that took place at a Dartmouth gas station early Thursday morning.

Halifax Regional Police say the woman entered the Petro Canada gas station around 3:30 a.m. She allegedly threatened the staff with a knife before taking off with cash and two cordless phones.

Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said a suspect was arrested a little while later near the corner of Main and Major streets. A 26-year-old man was also taken into custody in connection to the robbery. Palmeter said.

Both suspects were in court Thursday. Police say the woman is facing charges of conspiracy to commit robbery, possession of a weapon, and breaching her court-conditioned release. The man is charged with conspiracy to commit robbery, two counts of mischief and breaching his court-conditioned release.

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Military powwow

Honouring aboriginal contribution to forces

JON TATTRE
for Metro Halifax

Accompanied by pounding drums and piercing shouts, aboriginal dancers and elders celebrated a powwow at a military base in Halifax Thursday. The Halifax Military Community Centre event honoured the contributions aboriginals have made to the Canadian Forces.

"The significance of this powwow is to provide aboriginal awareness and learning to my comrades-in-arms," said Chris Innes, petty officer second class. "It is a traditional gathering, but at the same time I think it's good for people ... to get out and experience something about me and my lifestyle."

After an opening prayer to the "Great Spirit" and a powerful version of O Canada sung in a combination of aboriginal languages, the Kitpu Youth Drum Group and Eastern Eagle Drum Group accompanied dancers through a Jingle Dress Dance, Hoop and Shawl Dance, Head Male Dance and Head Female Dance.

Innes, an Ojibwa man, has served with the Canadian Forces for 23 years. His non-aboriginal comrades "know we're a friendly-going people, big warriors," Innes said with a laugh.



Aboriginal dancers perform at a powwow at the Halifax Military Community Centre in Halifax Thursday.

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Innes works with the Navy outreach to share the range of career opportunities with people who may not have considered it before, including aboriginal youth.

"Serving in the Canadian Forces brings out the latent potential and leadership skills that all of us have within us," added Rear Admiral Paul Maddison, noting

that several dozen aboriginal students from Cape Breton were down for the powwow. "What I've said to the First Nations leaders is that if their youth chose service in the Canadian Forces, when they hung up the uniforms and return to their communities, they would return better leaders with greater self-confidence and as shining examples for the generations coming behind them."

Big Top comes under fire

GEOFF DAVIES
for Metro Halifax

PROTEST An animal rights group is trying to keep a Montreal-based circus from bringing one of its acts to Nova Scotia.

The Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is lobbying the provincial government to retract Cirque Estival's permit to bring a 45-year-old Asiatic Elephant along on its tour of Nova Scotia, which starts Saturday in New Glasgow.

"We have a problem with any exotic animals being used for performing," said Sean Kelly, president of the Nova Scotia SPCA. "Limba (the elephant) is really old, really old to be a performing animal especially in a travelling circus."

Kelly said his group's complaint is Cirque Estival violated two provincial circus regulations.

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Parole board has no choice but to release convicted killer

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The young man convicted of killing a Halifax teacher's aide in a horrific car crash almost five years ago is being released from behind bars.

But the National Parole Board doesn't seem impressed about having to let 20-year-old Archie Billard go free, according to a decision released earlier this week.

He pleaded guilty to criminal negligence causing death and was sentenced as an adult to 4½ years in jail for going on the joyride that cost Theresa McEvoy her life. Billard, then 16, was high when he ran a red light in a stolen car, crashing into McEvoy's station wagon at Connaught Avenue and Almon Street.

The fatal collision Oct. 14, 2004 killed the 54-year-old

woman instantly.

"Your behaviour since being incarcerated has been less than stellar," the decision made Monday and released Wednesday says. Your actions while incarcerated are not indicative of someone who has made positive changes in life."

"Your behaviour since being incarcerated is less than stellar."

Excerpt from parole board decision

That includes being caught for storing eight litres of bootleg liquor in his cell's footlocker, the board points out.

"You did not follow the rules and regulations of the institution," the decision reads. "You continue to portray yourself at times like an individual who has criminally ingrained values."

The parole board had to release Billard from federal prison by law because he has served two-thirds of his full sentence. He will serve the last third in the community with conditions.

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Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, has been confirmed in two residents of the remote Manitoba community of St. Theresa Point First Nation, located about 500 kilometres from Winnipeg, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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CRTC to leave new media alone

Canada's telecoms watchdog will continue to keep Internet and cellphone-based broadcasting services out of its regulatory reach, the agency announced Thursday. The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission said it has decided to continue to exempt so-called "new media" broadcasters from its regulation in part because it fears that changing this stance would choke innovation.

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Canada joins U.S. on call for public account

TIANANMEN SQUARE Canada joined with the United States Thursday to demand a public accounting by Beijing for those killed in Tiananmen Square 20 years ago and do more to improve human rights. "We hope that they will be able to examine these events in an open and transparent fashion — including the public accounting of those killed, detained or missing," Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon said in a written statement. China denounced the demands as crude meddling.

REUTERS

Edmonton Enchanted moment



Trooper Ryan Hammermeister and his fiancée, Kristina Torringa, share a private moment during a reception welcoming 125 troops who recently returned from Afghanistan, at Edmonton Garrison Thursday.

Abdelrazik vindicated

Sudanese-born Canadian has right to enter country: Court

Abousfian Abdelrazik, stranded at the Canadian embassy in Sudan for more than a year, jumped up and down, laughed, and hollered "Thank you, thank you, thank you" in Arabic into the phone.

His Ottawa-based team of lawyers had just told him a Federal Court judge ordered the Conservative government to ensure the Canadian citizen's return to Canada within 30 days.

An hour later, an overjoyed Abdelrazik spoke excitedly by phone from Khartoum and said he could hardly believe his ears.

"I cannot even describe my feelings, he said.

"I have a reservation for the 12th of June and I hope

to be on that flight."

Justice Russell Zinn ruled yesterday that the Sudanese-born man has a charter right to enter

Canada, "his country of citizenship by choice. He lives by himself with strangers while his immediate family, his young children, are in Montreal."

"He is as much a victim of international terrorism as the innocent persons whose lives have been taken by recent barbaric acts of terrorists," the judge wrote.

Although both the RCMP and CSIS eventually cleared Abdelrazik of terrorist ties, the federal government still balks at issuing the travel documents he needs to return.

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Reactor faces longer shutdown

REACTOR An aging Canadian nuclear reactor that makes a third of the world's medical isotopes may have to be shut down for longer than the three months initially forecast, the operator said Thursday.

The Chalk River reactor in eastern Ontario, run by government-owned Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd, was taken out of service in May after it was discovered

to be leaking a small amount of heavy water.

AECL officials said Thursday close examination of the reactor had discovered corrosion in several places and said there was no immediate or simple solution. AECL is now developing a plan on how to carry out the repairs, chief executive Hugh MacDiarmid told the House of Commons.

Chalk River

• Chalk River produces most of the isotopes distributed by MDS Nordion, a subsidiary of Canadian health sciences company MDS Inc.

The isotopes — used in medical tests and cancer treatments — are now in short supply.

REUTERS

Fans peek at 2010 tickets

GAMES Olympic fans were given a sneak peak at what the 2010 tickets will look like Thursday as Olympic Games organizer prepared for the release of an additional 200,000 seats.

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Mayors call for cash

The mayors of Canada's largest cities appealed to the federal government Thursday to start the flow of stimulus spending. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Mediator appointed in Air Canada dispute

The Canadian government has appointed a mediator to try to settle disagreements between Air Canada and its unions and retirees over the future of the airline's pension plan, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said on Thursday.

Air Canada, the country's largest carrier, drew complaints last month when it asked unions to support a moratorium on funding its \$2.85 billion pension deficit.

A solution to pension funding woes and concessions from unions are seen as crucial to keeping Air Canada from filing for bankruptcy protection for the second time in six years.

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Air Canada's estimated total pension funding obligations this year, up \$114 million from last year.

Court Judge James Farley, who oversaw Air Canada's 2003 bankruptcy, will seek a solution on the company's pension and other issues, the government said. Air Canada's recently appointed chief executive, Calin Rovinescu, has said labour stability is essential as the airline seeks new financing arrangements in the face of slumping demand.

The carrier's agreements with unions representing about 18,000 employees

expire at the end of May and June.

News of the mediator came as a surprise to the Canadian Auto Workers union, which said it was awaiting Air Canada's response to its latest offer when Ottawa's announcement was made.

"We were actually making good progress and getting really quite close to resolving the outstanding issues," CAW Local 2002 president Leslie Dias told Reuters. She said a few key issues remain, notably on pension plan funding.

Air Canada told the union an official response to its latest offer will not come until Sunday, as the carrier determines the mediator's terms of reference, Dias said.

REUTERS

Fontaine announces retirement

FIRST NATIONS Assembly of First Nations National Chief Phil Fontaine announced Thursday he will retire at the end of his term in July after almost nine years in the role.

During a press conference in Ottawa, Fontaine called his time at the helm of the AFN "the best job that I have ever had" but said he would not seek a record fourth three-year term.

Fontaine, 64, from Manitoba's Sagkeeng First Nation, said the time seemed right to step aside and spend more time with his family.

He said he would continue to advocate and work with First Nations and all Canadians "to bring about



National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Phil Fontaine speaks to the media about his decision to retire.

reconciliation and respect for our peoples."

"This has been my life's work, and I will continue to serve my people,"

Fontaine said.

When asked about a possible entry into federal politics, Fontaine did not rule it out.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

New method can stimulate muscles

RESEARCH Scientists at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute and the University of Ottawa have discovered a new way to stimulate muscle regeneration.

The research — which paves the way for new treatments for debilitating conditions such as muscular dystrophy — states that a protein called Wnt7a increases the number of stem cells in muscle tissue, leading to accelerated growth and repair of skeletal muscle.

"This discovery shows us that by targeting stem cells to boost their numbers, we can improve the body's ability to repair muscle tissue," said senior author Dr. Michael Rudnicki.

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Thieves have stolen hundreds of thousands of bees along with their hives destined for Britain's royal family, police said Thursday. **REUTERS**



World

Chavez plans futher nationalization

Venezuela is preparing to nationalize petrochemical projects, part of a campaign by President Hugo Chavez, left, to limit the private sector and build a socialist state in South America's top oil exporter. The national assembly is currently reading a proposed law to put all petrochemical activity under state control, extending the list of companies in the oil sector already in government hands. **REUTERS**



Bomb theory played down

PLANE Intelligence services and security analysts who monitor extremist groups see nothing as yet to indicate foul play in the crash of Air France Flight 447.

Experts say the lack of a claim of responsibility and the absence of website chatter by guerrilla networks are pointers, albeit circumstantial ones, to an accident as the likely cause of the crash that killed 228 people.

"An attack is not the top theory at the moment," said Anthony Glees, director of Britain's Buckingham University Centre for Security and Intelligence Studies. Authorities are baffled by how a modern plane could have plunged out of the sky without giving its team of three experienced pilots time to send a mayday call.

"The feeling is strange. A lot of people feel terrorism cannot be ruled out, but we have nothing to support this point," said Claude Monique of the European Strategic Intelligence and Security Centre.

Air France and government ministers have said bad weather and turbulence were probably behind the disaster on the flight from Rio de Janeiro to Paris. **REUTERS**

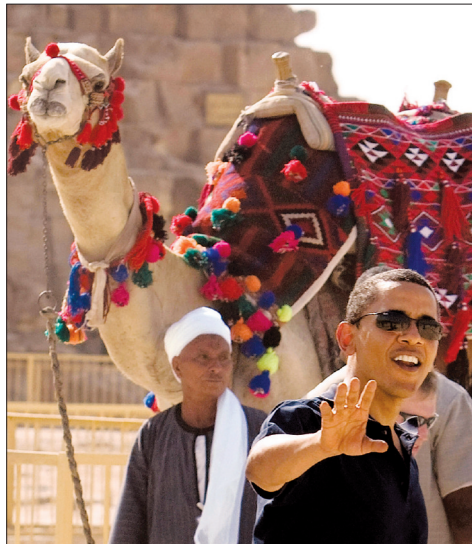
Obama addresses Muslims

U.S. president Barack Obama had a blunt, "tough-love" message for Arabs and Israelis that thrust him deeper into Middle East peacemaking — a tangled web that bedeviled his predecessors and carries risks for him.

Quoting a Qur'an passage to "speak always the truth," Obama set aside diplomatic niceties in demanding Israel stop building Jewish West Bank settlements that antagonize Palestinians, for Palestinians to work for peace and accept Israel's right to exist and for Palestinian militants to halt violence.

"We cannot impose peace," Obama said Thursday in a speech in Cairo to the world's Muslims. "But privately, many Muslims recognize that Israel will not go away. Likewise, many Israelis recognize the need for a Palestinian state. It is time for us to act on what everyone knows to be true."

The president, who is a



U.S. President Barack Obama is given a tour of the Great Pyramids of Giza before his speech in Cairo, Egypt, Thursday.

Christian, but whose Kenyan father came from a family that includes generations of Muslims, stressed his Muslim roots in a way that he never did during his presidential campaign last year, when it might have been seen as a political liability. **REUTERS**

Reaction

• Barack Obama's speech to the Muslim world Thursday was a "good start" towards a new U.S. policy in the Middle East, a spokesman for Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said. "His call for stopping settlement and for the establishment of a Palestinian state, and his reference to the suffering of Palestinians ... is a clear message to Israel that a just peace is built on the foundations of a Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital," said spokesman Nabil Abu Rdnah. "President Obama's speech is a good start and an important step towards a new American policy," he said. The Western-backed Abbas heads the Palestinian Authority, which has held sway only in the West Bank since Hamas Islamists took over the Gaza Strip in 2007. Ayman Taha, a Hamas spokesman, said Obama's speech represented no change in U.S. policy. **REUTERS**

Brown reeling from departures

BRITAIN They were dubbed the "Blair Babes" — the 101 Labour women lawmakers elected when Tony Blair came to power in Britain in 1997. But with three female ministers quitting Prime Minister Gordon Brown's already limping government as he faces an expected drubbing in local and European elections Thursday, women at the top of British politics are now being accused of staging the "revenge of the sisterhood."

It is an accusation they firmly reject: Jacqui Smith, Britain's first female interior minister, insisted "there is no conspiracy here" as she confirmed her intention to quit.

But political commentators struggled to see this week's resignations of Smith, communities minister Hazel Blears, children's minister Beverley Hughes, along with a decision by former health secretary Patricia Hewitt to step down at the next election, as anything else. **REUTERS**

Huge crowd marks Tiananmen anniversary in Hong Kong

Clad in black or white, and cradling candles, Hong Kong residents transformed a park into a sea of flickering lights Thursday, in memory of pro-democracy demonstrators crushed by tanks in Beijing's Tiananmen Square two decades ago.

While China has tried to whitewash the incident over the past two decades and has tightened security around Tiananmen Square in recent days, Hong Kong has long made the most of

"I hope that (China) will admit that they fired guns and did wrong."
Kong Choi-fung

its unique freedoms to openly challenge Beijing to reverse its verdict on June 4 and fully account for the killings.

The turnout was estimated at 150,000 people, organizers said, as crowds

overspilled from six soccer pitches in a downtown Hong Kong park. The figure was even higher than in 1990 when the annual vigil first began, underscoring the anniversary's poignancy.

But Hong Kong police put the estimate at 63,800. "We will never forget June 4," the crowds chanted while singing remembrance songs, waving candles and linking arms.

Many in Hong Kong acknowledge China's eco-

nomie progress since 1989, but still find the memories of June 4 impossible to forget.

"I know China is improving, but I hope that they will admit that they fired guns and did wrong," said Kong Choi-fung, a 44-year-old church worker who took her two children to the vigil.

A recent annual survey found a record 60 per cent of Hong Kong people want China to reverse its official verdict on June 4. **REUTERS**

News in brief

KOREA The United States has told South Korea it is preparing financial measures to punish North Korea for illicit weapons trade and counterfeit activities in the wake of its nuclear test last week, a newspaper report said. North Korea has been ratcheting up regional tensions since it fired a long-range rocket over Japan in April, and Thursday the hermit state put two female U.S. journalists on trial accused of illegally entering its territory. **REUTERS**



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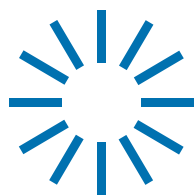
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Fire kills 76 miners in S. Africa

The bodies of 15 more illegal miners were brought to the surface on Thursday, raising the death toll from a fire at a disused gold mine to at least 76, the mine's owners said.

Minister of Mining Susan Shabangu described the tragedy as the worst in recent memory at an illicit mine in South Africa, and vowed after a visit to the site to fight the kingpins behind the illegal gold mining syndicates.

The unauthorized miners were killed after a fire they are thought to have started raged for days at the abandoned mine owned by Harmony in the central Free State province where many disused mines hold enough deposits to attract illegal mining syndicates.

"Another 15 bodies were brought up today by their fellow illegal miners," said Tom Smith, a senior official at Harmony Gold Mining Co.

Illegal mining

• Miners, most of them illegal immigrants, break through concrete seals covering closed shafts. Sometimes they sneak past security or bribe guards and stay underground for months digging for gold before leaving by shafts several kilometres away.

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"Anything is possible," Smith said when asked if he knew whether more bodies were likely to be recovered.

The previous death toll on Tuesday was 61.

Gold prices near record highs have made the risks taken by well-organized illegal mining syndicates even more worthwhile.

The miners died at Eland shaft near the town of Welkom, in a part of the mine that runs to depths of up to 1.4 kilometres.

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Peru finds human sacrifices left by Incas 600 years ago

DISCOVERY Researchers at an archeological site in northern Peru have made an unusually large discovery of nearly three dozen people sacrificed some 600 years ago by the Incan civilization.

The bodies, some of which show signs of having been cut along their necks and collarbones, were otherwise found in good condition, said Carlos Webster, who is leading excavations at the Chotuna-Chornancap camp.

The sprawling archeological site is 20 kilometres outside the coastal city of Chiclayo, near the ancient tomb of Sipan, which was

one of the great finds of the last century. The sacrifices were made just decades before Spanish explorers arrived in what is now Peru.

Although archeologists regularly find evidence of human sacrifice from Incan and pre-Incan cultures, it is rare to find the remains of 33 people in one place, researchers said.

Scientists say human sacrifice was common within the Incan culture, which flourished immediately before the arrival of the Spanish in what is now parts of Peru, Chile and Ecuador between 1400 and the mid-1500s.

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News in brief

FLU Global health officials underestimated the risk that pig herds might be a source of new influenza strains, choosing instead to focus on the threat of bird flu, researchers in Mexico said Thursday. They analyzed samples from people infected with influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, which has been confirmed in more than 19,000 people in 64 countries, killing about 120.

CONFESSION Don't confuse confession with psychotherapy, a Vatican official cautioned, as he spoke of a "deep crisis" facing the age-old sacrament. Archbishop Mauro Piacenza said fewer and fewer people were confessing their sins or clearly distinguishing the difference between "right and wrong, truth and lies, sin and virtue."

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The heart versus head over Obama



Mona Eltahawy
Global View

George Bush could never have pulled it off. Give a speech that comfortably hopscoched between hot potato subjects, deftly shift from self-criticism to demanding the same of his audience and get at least 30 applause breaks from a mostly Muslim audience in Cairo, Egypt? Not in a million years.

How ironic that the middle name "Hussein," which the U.S. right wing viciously used to paint Barack Obama as a "secret Muslim," gave Obama what Bush never had — the benefit of the doubt of Muslims, if just for the 50 minutes of his speech.

But that middle name sparked quite the fight between my heart — so easily charmed by his eloquence and intelligence — and my head, which holds Obama to a higher standard. I know he knows better.

Here's the breakdown of my heart vs. my head:

As a Muslim in the U.S., my heart and head were united in delight that Obama highlighted the role of Muslim Americans. They bridge that divide of "us versus them" that so many of the Bush administration's policies and rhetoric inflamed.

Obama's acknowledgment of Palestinian suffering touched my heart but my head wanted to hear concern for civilian casualties and suffering in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Obama's revulsion at torture reassured my heart but my head immediately

asked why he didn't condemn torture in my beloved country of birth, Egypt — the host for his talk is a popular destination for renditions. Heart and head are furious that my country does America's dirty work.

Oh how he thrilled my heart by bringing up women's rights but why, oh why, head demanded, did he have to keep mentioning headscarves every time he spoke of Muslim women?

Yes education, small business loans and political involvement are all impor-

tant for this Muslim woman's heart and head but I wish Obama had assured the women and girls of Afghanistan that their rights would not be sacrificed for the sake of a ceasefire or truce with the Taliban or other violent extremists.

Democracy greatly concerns both heart and head. Many Muslims around the world are upset with the U.S. because it supports dictators in many Muslim-majority countries such as Egypt, where Obama gave his speech, and Saudi Arabia where he began his

Middle East visit.

So, Obama pleased heart with talk of the importance of the rule of law, freedom of expression, etc., but head wanted him to be as bold in condemning the repression of his hosts as he was in broaching those hot potato subjects that trouble the U.S. relationship with Muslims.

Clearly, Obama will keep heart and head busy.

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Views

Taking a look back on the election trail

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Only four more days before you can stop ignoring this less than riveting provincial election, so let's recap how the parties have done.

The Liberals seemed to be on the comeback trail. They were rising in the polls and stood apart by being the only party not to vow to balance the books, saying that was impossible to promise. That's what a lot of people think.

So they were likely quite disappointed when the last poll had them dropping in

support and losing ground to the NDP. Still, they will insist their internal polling is different and they expect some big gains — particularly in HRM behind star candidates like Kelly Regan and Andrew Younger.

The Tories needed to run a superb campaign to hold onto power. Quite simply, they did not.

A big part of that was due to Rodney MacDonald's refusal to stray from message. On repeated questions of how he could say his budget was balanced when even members of his own party said it wasn't, he just kept repeating over and over it was balanced, as if he was Superman repelling bullets.

When his government was accused of picking the

highest gas price of three options he denied it, but wouldn't release the documents proving his case. If they prove your case, why not release them, reporters ask. MacDonald wouldn't answer, instead changing the subject to attacking the Liberals.

Still, the Tories have a lot of popular candidates and could surprise people who have completely written them off.

The NDP could not have run a safer campaign. It took some knocks for releasing a "four-page leaflet" as a platform. But it wasn't the size that was the problem — it was the vagueness.

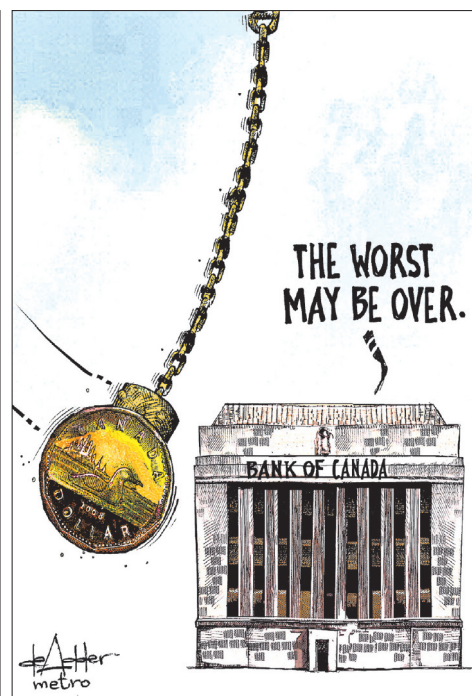
The NDP said they would pay for their own promises, plus honour some Tory commitments all while balancing the budget.

How? Well, they said, we will have to wait until we get into power and do an audit. Then we will let you know.

Then there's the big "scandal" of the campaign — the inappropriate donations from unions. The other parties have tried their best to keep it in the headlines, but it just doesn't seem to be resonating. Unless they can prove the NDP knew something was wrong, it's not going to be the blow they need.

So place your bets on Darrell Dexter becoming the first NDP premier of Nova Scotia Tuesday, but everything will have to go just right for them to clinch a majority.

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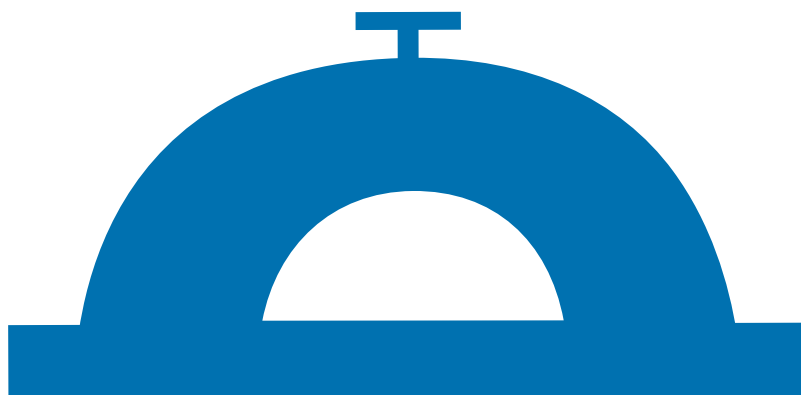
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Economy on mend?

Mixed signals baffle experts, ordinary Canadians

Is the economy actually getting better? The answer depends on whom you ask.

It is a classic bulls-versus-bears debate, fuelled by a flurry of mixed signals. While some financial luminaries have declared the worst of the crisis over, there is still considerable concern that those oft-cited "green shoots" ought to be viewed with suspicion.

In particular, economists' increasing reliance on double negatives — such as "less bad" or "less pessimistic" — have left ordinary Canadians confused about whether the economy is really on the mend.

For those utterly perplexed by all the Bay Street baffle, David Rosenberg, chief economist and

Jobs report

With economists expecting a net loss of 42,500 jobs when Statistics Canada releases its May labour report Friday, the job market could remain dreadful for years.

strategist with Gluskin Sheff and Associates, offers this assessment: "The patient is out of the operating room, but it is not out of sick bay by a long shot."

He stresses that no one should mistake the recent rally in equities with a recovery in the real economy.

Rosenberg argues there are four key ingredients driving the recession: Declines in "organic" personal income, sales, produc-

tion and employment. Those factors have yet to bottom out and may not until next year.

But for now, the data are indeed "less bad" and should be interpreted that way. A recovery cannot materialize until growth rates turn positive on a "sustained basis," he said.

Scotia Economics, meanwhile, has issued research suggesting the global economy is on the cusp of "transitioning from recession to recovery."

The report suggested output growth could turn positive during the second half of the year. Still, the contraction in worldwide real GDP in 2009 is still likely to average 2.7 per cent, "a postwar record."

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Value of building permits drops 5.4%

REPORT The value of Canadian building permits fell 5.4 per cent in April, mainly because of a drop in non-residential building activity, Statistics Canada reported yesterday.

"This report suggests that Canadian building activity remains on a downward trend, as permits have been down in six of the last seven months," said Charmaine Buskas, senior economics strategist with TD Securities. "This is consistent with the broad slowing in the economy. As the economy continues to correct in the coming months, so too will building activity."

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Petro-Canada investors bless Suncor takeover

96% of shareholders vote in favour of deal

Shareholders of Petro-Canada voted overwhelmingly Thursday in favour of Suncor Energy Inc.'s \$22.2-billion takeover of the oil company, moving Canada's largest energy deal a step closer to completion.

At a meeting in Calgary, Petro-Canada shareholders voted 96 per cent in favour of the transaction, which was first announced in March.

Petro-Canada shares jumped \$2.20, or nearly five per cent, to \$47.20 on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Suncor, which has offered 1.28 of its shares for each Petro-Canada share, was up \$1.82, or five

"The combined company will be large enough to compete in the top tier of global energy companies."

Ron Brenneman, Petro-Canada CEO

per cent, at \$37.56.

Suncor investors are due to vote on the deal later on Thursday. The companies will still require approvals from Canada's Competition Bureau and an Alberta court before the transaction can close.

"Together, Petro-Canada

and Suncor will have a commanding presence as Canada's largest energy company and the fifth largest in North America," Petro-Canada chief executive Ron Brenneman told shareholders. "The combined company will be large enough to compete in the top tier of global energy companies."

Analysts have said the merged firm's heft will allow it to exert control over costs in the oilsands, where projects were plagued by massive cost overruns and delays before the global economic downturn took hold in late 2008.

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Russia Putin to the rescue



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, left, meets people in the town of Pikalyovo Thursday. Pikalyovo's workers are living in poverty after the town's three main employers stopped production. Putin Thursday forced Oleg Deripaska, a top metals tycoon, to sign a contract for supplies to help idle factories restart.

Business in brief

RETAIL Most retailers posted disappointing May sales in the United States as wary shoppers cut spending at stores ranging from high-end chains to

discounters, pushing down retail shares. Sales were weaker than expected at 63 per cent of the 30 retailers tracked by Thomson Reuters.

INDEX Purchasing activity in Canada contracted in May after a short-lived bump in April, but some details of the data were not as bad as analysts

had expected. The Ivey Purchasing Managers Index fell to 48.4 in May from 53.7 in April, data showed Thursday.

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The Carquest Pro Stock Tour resumes Saturday with the Ron MacGillivray Chevrolet 100 at Riverside Speedway in James River, Antigonish Co. P.E.I.'s Greg Proude won the season-opening Lucas Oil 100 two weeks ago. **METRO HALIFAX**

Sports

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Canadians get a boost

The Halifax Pelham Canadians have bolstered their lineup for August's Canadian senior baseball championship in Halifax and Dartmouth. Truro Bearcats all-star infielder/pitcher Craig Higgins has been added to the Canadians' roster. **METRO HALIFAX**

Draft success critical to rebuilding Herd

GM Cam Russell seeks to add three or four players who can contribute next season

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If the Halifax Mooseheads ever want to dig themselves out of the basement, this weekend is the place to start.

It's no secret that the Herd is not exactly positioned for success, coming off one of the worst seasons in franchise history and having traded the second overall pick in the QMJHL draft as well as the first overall pick in the import draft.

So swinging and missing at Saturday's draft in Moncton is not an option, particularly when it comes to their two picks in the second round and two more in the fourth.

The Mooseheads don't necessarily need to hit a home run — and judging by the disdain with which

scouts talk about this draft, that might not even be possible — but unearthing a handful of capable, hard-working players is a necessity. That's especially true if those players are ready to step in immediately.

"It's important for us that of those four picks, at least three, and hopefully four, can come in and play for us next season," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "We have to make sure our picks are going to play."

Gabriel Desjardins, Jessyko Bernard and Alex MacDonald all cracked the Mooseheads out of last year's draft and have become critical building blocks for the future.

Russell said he'll be active on the draft floor in working to get higher picks if there's a player he wants, but said he "won't start trading a bunch of

For more coverage of the Halifax Mooseheads and the QMJHL draft, follow @metrofiles on Twitter or visit: metronews.ca/mooseheads

rounder." He also said nobody on his team is "untouchable."

"Everything's for sale," he said, although he noted he won't deal any future first- or second-round picks.

It's Russell's first draft as a GM. Some look at it as a big test, Russell looks at it as an opportunity to start filling in the blanks and moulding the team how he desires.

"There are a lot of question marks right now," Russell said. "Hopefully those question marks will be answered after Saturday. I'm ready to go. I'm excited. I can't wait."



Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell says he is looking to draft three or four players who can join the team next season, and that he's open to making a trade.

Top picks

Past top selections of the Halifax Mooseheads at the QMJHL draft (by year with round/pick):

- **2008** — F Gabriel Desjardins (2/24)
- **2007** — F David Gilbert (1/6)
- **2006** — D Gabriel O'Connor (2/23)
- **2005** — D Ben MacAskill (1/17)
- **2004** — F Ryan Hillier (2/18)
- **2003** — F Kenzie Sheppard (3/36)
- **2002** — D Jim Sharrow (2/17)
- **2001** — D Alexandre Picard (1/13)
- **2000** — F Giulio Scandella (3/46)
- **1999** — D Jonathan Jollette (1/15)
- **1998** — G Pascal Leclaire (1/5)

Piette expected to be dealt for blue-liner

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It appears the Halifax Mooseheads will sacrifice forward Alexis Piette to land Lewiston's Garrett Clarke on Friday.

Sources have told Metro Halifax the Mooseheads have acquired Clarke, a 17-year-old blue-liner, for a package that is believed to be Piette and a seventh-round draft pick.

They're expected to further bolster their paper-thin defence corps with the acquisition of 20-year-old Alexandre Brunet from the Rimouski Oceanic for a draft pick to complete last December's Logan MacMillan trade.

Both deals are expected to be announced when the QMJHL trading period opens on Friday morning in Moncton.

The six-foot-three, 203-pound Piette recorded 35 points as a rookie and had a strong finish last season, regularly one of the team's top forwards in the final two months. Although he could post big numbers, he is also entering his 19-year-old season and won't be in the league when Hal-

ifax is a contender.

Clarke comes with an impressive resume. The six-foot, 180-pound Moncton native was selected sixth overall last June and had six goals and three assists in 46 games as a rookie.

International Scouting Service described him as a "highly-skilled offensive defenceman" and a "tough player to play against" with "a mean streak." He served a 15-game suspension for cross-checking and projects as an impact player.

"He's talented with very good skills," said a league source. "He's going to have a very good career in the Q."

Brunet is a steady albeit unspectacular defenceman who would bring much-needed experience to Halifax. The five-foot-10 191-pounder had 14 points and was a plus-9 in 63 games last season and played in the Memorial Cup.

Clarke and Brunet would join 19-year-olds Gabriel O'Connor and Pascal Amyot as well as 17-year-old Alex MacDonald to form the basis for Halifax's defence corps next season.



Moosehead Alexis Piette is part of a trade to land blue-liner Garrett Clarke, sources have told Metro.

'Weak' draft class may be a boon for Mooseheads

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The fact that it's widely considered a weak QMJHL draft might actually benefit the Halifax Mooseheads.

Talk among scouts is that rankings for Saturday's draft vary wildly from team to team. That means the Mooseheads, who traded the second overall pick to acquire Brad Marchand, could get a player they have ranked in the first round, even in the top 10, with their second-round picks at Nos. 19 and 33.

One scout took a glance at Central Scouting's top 36 and rattled off a dozen names he wouldn't include in his.

"I've never seen a draft like this year before, where there's not a consensus of the top two rounds, the top 36," said one veteran scout. "Every scout has a different list. You could end up getting a guy you have eighth at the No. 25 spot."

"It's just the kind of year it is. It's going to be interesting."

This year, it might actu-

Top prospect

- Olivier Archambault is Central Scouting's top-ranked prospect for the QMJHL draft, but whether the Val-d'Or Foreurs actually take him No. 1 is anybody's guess. The top of the draft is a muddle, with no true frontrunner. "If you asked 18 head scouts, you'd come up with five different No. 1s," said a scout. "Last year, it was Brandon Gormley or Sean Couturier. This year, there are up to seven guys."

ally be believable when a GM triumphantly walks away from his draft table saying "we had our second- and third-round picks ranked in the first round."

The Mooseheads aren't daunted by the dour projections.

"They deem it a weak draft, but I don't know," said Mooseheads GM Cam Russell.

"From what I've seen, it's a character draft, and those are the types of kids we're looking for."

Confusion reigns at New Zealand horse track

A New Zealand horse race ended in confusion Thursday when five of the six starters fell and one jockey started on one horse and finished on another. Stewards eventually declared Nana, the only horse to finish without falling, the winner by 128 lengths. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

sports 17**Big Unit Big Milestone**

San Francisco pitcher Randy Johnson celebrates with his son Tanner after winning his 300th career game against the Washington Nationals on Thursday. The Giants won the game 5-1 and Johnson became just the 24th pitcher to reach 300 wins.

Penguins pull even

(Series tied 2-2)

Detroit 2 Pittsburgh 4

Buoyed by another spirited performance from the incomparable Evgeni Malkin and a three-goal second period, Pittsburgh came away with a 4-2 win over Detroit in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals.

Malkin was one of three players, along with Sidney Crosby and Jordan Staal, to register a goal and an assist, as the Penguins captured both home games to even the best-of-seven set.

The Russian centre is undoubtedly a leading candidate for the Conn Smythe Trophy, pacing the playoffs



Pittsburgh's Matt Cooke checks Detroit's Nicklas Lidstrom in the first period of Game 4 on Thursday.

with 21 assists and 35 points.

Tyler Kennedy also scored for Pittsburgh, while Marc-Andre Fleury turned aside 37 of the 39 shots he faced to get the win.

Darren Helm and Brad Stuart lit the lamp for the

Red Wings, who will look to regroup when this series shifts back to Detroit for Game 5 on Saturday. The Red Wings have played extremely well on home ice during the playoffs, posting a 10-1 record at Joe Louis Arena. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Donald opens with three-shot Memorial lead

GOLF Britain's Luke Donald produced a spectacular burst of six consecutive birdies to surge into a commanding three-shot lead in Thursday's opening round at the Memorial tournament.

The double PGA Tour champion shrugged off a bogey at the par-four first to fire an eight-under-par 64 in the event hosted by golfing great Jack Nicklaus at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

Donald covered the back nine in a sizzling six-under 30 to end a cool, overcast day well ahead of his nearest challengers.

Australian Jason Day got to seven-under after 15 holes before bogeying 17 and 18 for a 67, finishing second along with South African Thomas Aiken and Americans Jim Furyk and Ted Purdy.

Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., shot a 69 and is five shots back. **REUTERS**

Sports in brief

TENNIS Top-seeded Canadian Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic were eliminated from the French Open on Thursday, losing their semifinal match 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) to third-seeded Lukas Dlouhy of the Czech Republic and Leander

Paes of India.

AVAILANCE The Colorado Avalanche needed just one day to find a new bench boss as the team hired Joe Sacco as the new head coach. The team announced the hiring of Sacco and also named Sylvain Lefeb-

vre as the assistant coach.

SOCCER A decision on the future of AC Milan playmaker Kaka will be made Monday, owner Silvio Berlusconi said Wednesday. Real Madrid and Chelsea have both been linked with the Brazilian. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

For a complete recap of Thursday's NBA Finals action, visit: metronews.ca/sports

What made Shewfelt shine

For the first time in recent memory Kyle Shewfelt is not the reigning monarch of Canadian gymnastics.

Recently retired, he is a notable absence at the national championships being held in Hamilton. Shewfelt was a master craftsman of what is arguably the world's most difficult sport — the one that most kids couldn't do in physical education class.

And he was good — no, he was fantastic — at what he did.

At the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Shewfelt had a move on the vault named after him — a move too complicated to get into here. He was blazing a new trail for Canadians in his chosen sport.

In 2003 at the World championships in Anaheim, Calif., he won two medals — a rarity for a North American.

The next summer in Greece he claimed the Olympic gold medal in the men's floor exercise — a breakthrough. His pose atop the podium with the laurel wreath adorning his head was classic. It became

a signature image of the 2004 Games.

Afterwards, when Shewfelt was interviewed by Olympic speedskating champion Catriona Le May Doan, he embraced her.

"This means the world to me," he told her with a look of wonder plastered on his face.

Watching and listening from the broadcast booth, I couldn't tell if he meant the gold medal or the realization that he had finally been admitted to the circle of greatness he so admired.

In Stuttgart, at the world championships 11 months prior to Beijing, he broke both his legs. Speaking to reporters the day after the incident, with those battered limbs encased in splints and strapped into a wheelchair, Shewfelt said an astounding thing.

"I'll make it back for the Olympics," he beamed. "You can count on it."

He was true to his word.

Now Kyle Shewfelt has withdrawn from the competitive part of his gymnastics life. But in making that difficult choice he must be assured that only so much polish can be applied to a shimmering career.

What is it that made Kyle Shewfelt shine?

He was truly exceptional — an original — a Canadian pioneer.

Scott Russell is the host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Smokers in HRM are getting their butts in gear with The Lung Association of Nova Scotia's newest program, Learn to Run for Smokers. Starting Tuesday, June 9th, this nine week program introduces the love for running under the supervision of a qualified coach, with a level of activity customized to the participant. "Our goal is to provide a supportive environment for smokers looking for a healthier way of life," explains Coach Louis Brill, CEO and President of the Lung Association. "Running is a life-changing activity, and I believe

that this experience will encourage smokers to love their lungs."

Learn to Run for Smokers is designed for any level of fitness and is supervised by Louis Brill, one of Nova Scotia's most experienced running coaches. Sessions will run twice per week and include a combination of walking, running and stretching regimes that ensure safe, effective techniques for a lifetime of running enjoyment. Additional experts are brought in for educational presentations on diet, sports psychology, addiction counseling and equipment selection. "The most important thing is that our smokers have fun," says Brill. "We are creating a positive

environment where participants will receive the support they need with the training goal of running the Credit Union Atlantic Lung Run in August."

Perfect for new runners, The Credit Union Atlantic Lung Run is Halifax's flattest, fastest 5K, taking place on August 9th on the Halifax waterfront. Over 400 runners and Nordic Walkers will enjoy a beautiful Sunday morning on the boardwalk, while raising funds for lung diseases like C.O.P.D. and asthma. Says Brill, "C.O.P.D. is the lung disease most likely to afflict smokers. If we can encourage smokers to love their lungs today, we can help them prevent a truly unpleasant future."

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- Students in Bedford-Birch Cove can look forward to attending the world-class high school that will replace Charles P. Allen, giving them an edge in getting good jobs and competing in the global marketplace.

- The redevelopment of the Maskwa Aquatic Club will be a huge boon to paddlers, boaters and swimmers. When it's complete it will become one of the finest training facilities in Canada for future Olympians.

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Will Ferrell's character in Land of the Lost swings from a hilariously pompous scientist (clearly written by Saturday Night Live writers) to a genius whenever the plot requires. The funnyman's improv scenes with costar Danny McBride highlight the film.

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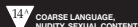


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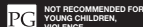
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Creativity lost in this Land

Land of The Lost

Director: Brad Silberling
Stars: Will Ferrell, Danny McBride, Anna Friel
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada

Generally speaking, special effects and comedy don't mix. There are exceptions to the rule of

course (Ghostbusters springs immediately to mind), but normally movies that combine effects and comedy are expensive, unfunny messes.

Land Of The Lost is a prime example. While there are a handful of funny scenes featuring Will Ferrell and Danny McBride, they feel like last minute additions tacked on to an old screenplay based on the mostly for-

On the web

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gotten '70s children's show.

Perhaps there is a huge underground cult of hardcore Land Of the Lost fans excited to see Sleestaks on the big screen, but for the most part audiences should react to the film

with bewilderment.

Will Ferrell stars as Dr. Rick Marshall, a misunderstood scientist who creates an odd invention that transports himself, a generic love interest (Anna Friel), and a burly tour guide (Danny McBride) to an alternate universe.

Ferrell's character awkwardly transitions from a hilariously pompous scientist (clearly written by the credited SNL writers) to a genius whenever the plot requires.

It's distractingly inconsistent and that sums up the movie as a whole. This is clearly a cheesy adventure screenplay spruced up with a last minute comedy rewrite.

The result is a muddled tone that feels like the filmmakers couldn't decide if they were making a family action movie or a crude adolescent comedy.

Whenever a rewritten scene or a Will Ferrell/Dan-



Will Ferrell, left, and Danny McBride star in Land of the Lost.

ny McBride improv session is woven into the story, the movie works fairly well.

Had this been an adventure/comedy created specifically for the leads, it could have been an entertaining summer movie. Unfortunately, the writers are slaves to a backstory and universe from a cheesy television series that's only on the pop culture radar out of

nostalgia and camp value. Practically every scene inspired by the series grinds the movie to a halt.

Despite about 20 to 30 minutes of entertaining material, Land Of The Lost is little more than an expensive waste of talent. Hopefully everyone involved got a big payday to make up for their creative bankruptcy.

Actors expected to OK deal

UNION A year of labour unrest in Hollywood is seen ending next week when the largest actors' union is expected to approve a new contract with film and TV studios in a close vote, industry watchers said Wednesday.

The Screen Actors Guild, which represents 120,000 actors, remains sharply divided over the labour deal ahead of a June 9 vote count. But many members fear a repeat of the

2007/2008 writers strike that cost the Los Angeles area economy as much as \$3 billion.

Filmmaking already has slowed this past year as producers worried about starting production then being forced to halt if new labor strife developed. Location movie production in Los Angeles hit a record low in 2009's first quarter, falling 56 per cent from 2008.

SAG's old labour contract expired on June 30, 2008,

although actors are still working under its terms. But now Hollywood wants to get fully back to work and remove any uncertainty over a possible work stoppage, the experts said.

"I think it will be ratified, but I think they (debtors) will be able to drive the (yes vote) percentage down pretty dramatically," Jonathan Handel, an entertainment attorney who has tracked the contract talks. **REUTERS**



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Kids' shows in the key of Krofft

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Without Sid and Marty Krofft the '60s and '70s would have been much less colorful. The brothers produced trippy Saturday morning kids' shows like Sigmund and the Sea Monsters, Lidsville and H.R. Pufnstuf. They were mind-bending romps with wild

fluorescent puppet characters that looked like hip castoffs from McDonald's-land and a psychedelic sensibility that had more to do with Reefer Madness than Captain Kangaroo.

Not that I knew that at the time. Later when I realized H.R.'s surname was pronounced "puffin' stuff" the hallucinogenic humor of the show made (slightly) more sense.

The Kroffts were best known for their insane puppet shows, but among their other credits were

fantasy series like Land of the Lost, which gets the big screen treatment this weekend. If it's a hit expect more shows from the Krofft vault to make the leap to the

stuf television show. Simply titled Pufnstuf, it centred around Jimmy (Jack Wild), his magical talking flute, Freddy, and Jimmy's old foe Witchiepoo (Billie Hayes) who tries to steal the flute and win the

next movie was John Waters-lite.

Shot in 1978, Side Show is a demented little flick that didn't see the light of day until 1981. Directed by William Canon Conrad this strange piece of celluloid is a murder mystery set against the backdrop of a circus.

The Kroffts and Conrad almost outdo Tod Browning's Freaks, bringing together a collection of actual side show performers to add a sense of eccentric authenticity to the picture.

Side Show was a flop, but that didn't slow down the brothers. They have been producing television and movies for almost five decades with no end in sight. As Disney chief Michael Eisner said, "The Kroffts always have one more show in them."



In 1970 the Krofft brothers produced a theatrical version of their H.R. Pufnstuf television show.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

"I think a number of our titles are conducive to film. Like Lidsville, Electra Woman and Dyna Girl; I know there is a big star that wants to be Electra Woman."

Land of The Lost co-creator Marty Krofft



atres.

"I think a number of our titles are conducive to film," says younger brother Marty. "Like Lidsville, Electra Woman and Dyna Girl; I know there is a big star that wants to be Electra Woman."

This isn't the first time the Kroffts have dabbled in film. In 1970 the brothers produced a theatrical version of the H.R. Pufnstuf

Witch of the Year Award.

It's not Dostoevsky, but Witchiepoo and her Vroom Broom is worth a search on YouTube. (If they bring Pufnstuf back to the big screen Marty already knows who he wants to play Witchiepoo. "How great would Johnny Depp be as Witchiepoo?" he says.)

If Pufnstuf was Cheech and Chong for kids their

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Eminem says last weekend's MTV Movie Awards stunt was Sacha Baron Cohen's idea. "Sacha called me when we were in Europe and he had an idea to do something outrageous at the movie awards," he tells RapRadar.com. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Bruno brainstorm

Movies

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Plenty of laughs in Hangover

The Hangover

Director: Todd Phillips

Stars: Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms

Classification: 14A

Rating: ★★★★★

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada



If you've ever been nudged awake by a police officer while napping on a stranger's front lawn and couldn't explain how you got there — well, *The Hangover* may happily make you feel not so alone.

In what is sure to be the summer's biggest surprise comedy, Bradley Cooper

(Yes Man) plays a raucous high-school teacher who promises groom Doug (Justin Bartha), dentist Stu (Ed Helms) and weirdo in-law Alan (Zach Galifianakis) their Vegas bachelor party will be a "night the four of us will never forget."

Only they do forget, and the next morning Stu's bicuspid is not the only thing missing. So is Doug.

Setting forth to find the missing groom and deliver him to the altar, the hungover trio must make sense of the tiger in their hotel room, the stolen cop car in their pos-

session and Stu's new stripper-wife (Heather Graham). And that's just the tip of the proverbial iceberg.

The Hangover perhaps most cleverly structures itself as a mystery, slowly revealing the gags in hindsight as the trio tries to solve Doug's disappearance. As such, there's rarely any lag time and the surprises are hugely engaging.



Old School director Todd Phillips delivers another bad-boy comedy in *The Hangover*.

In fact, in spite of the slightly anti-climactic outcome of Doug's great whereabouts, the film redeems itself with a hilarious

and slightly shocking end-credit sequence. Most importantly, director Todd Phillips (Old School) delivers the gags with an underlying honesty and captures the natural humour of male behaviour, "stupid" as

it sometimes may be. Or at least, that's how the police officer described it to me anyhow.

• For *The Hangover* photos, trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit metronews.ca/movies.

Pelham 1 2 3 'not a remake'

NED EHRBAR
Metro News



FEATURE Denzel Washington isn't big on labels. For instance, his latest film, *The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3*, isn't a remake of the 1974 Walter Matthau subway caper.

"I don't think it's a remake. It's a story of a hostage situation on a train in New York City. That's what the two films have in common," Washington insists. "I don't know why anyone would remake a film."

Another label Washington isn't fond of is leading man. In fact, he bristles at the mention of it. "That's something somebody calls you when you're doing press junkets," he insists. "I'm not a leading man; I'm an actor."

And as an actor, what

he liked most about *Pelham* was the chance to play something besides another cop or FBI agent. "I was concerned about *Inside Man*, where I was a cop and a hostage negotiator," he explains. "I liked the idea that he was an ordinary guy in extraordinary circumstances."

In fact, preparation for playing an average MTA worker was a breeze. "I just ate a lot and kept getting smaller and smaller sweaters," he jokes.

The movie also gave Washington a chance to

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Denzel Washington plays a transit worker in the middle of a hostage crisis in *Taking of Pelham 1 2 3*.

head to head with John Travolta — only they initially had to keep their distance from each other. "For the first seven or eight weeks, we didn't shoot any scenes together on-camera, but we were developing a relationship through the microphone," Washington explains.

"It's like an old courtship, over the phone. You get to know a person. We'd sing songs and tell jokes, singing Broadway tunes."

The downside of that setup for Washington was that they filmed his scenes first, giving Travolta a distinct advantage. "He had the luxury of practising because I was

on camera first," he says. "He had a chance to work on his part, to develop it."

As a native New Yorker, shooting on the subway was something of a homecoming for Washington, who admits he used to goof off as a kid, sneaking down the tunnels a bit from the platform, but never too far.

But for this film, he got to venture much farther, seeing a side of the city few get a chance to. Though, there's plenty to see on subway itself, as Washington remembers from his youth.

"If you could do it on the subway, I've seen it," he says. "From robbery to par-

REVIEW Even those easily pleased folks who fell arse over tea kettle for Nia Vardalos' breakthrough film *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* may find their patience tried in *My Life in Ruins* (also produced by Tom Hanks and his wife, Rita Wilson), the latest attempt by the Winnipeg-born comedian to become Queen of the Mediterranean rom-com.

Vardalos plays Georgia, a neurotic, repressed Greek-American

woman who flees to the old country and spends her days working as Greece's dullest tour guide. Resisting sabotage from her smarmy co-worker (Alistair McGowan), our uptight heroine (who by her own admission hasn't had sex in more than a year) must deal with a busload of cliché saddled tourists straight out of the hoariest of fiction.

We have the obnoxious American (fellow Canadian funnyman Harland Williams) and his sniggering wife; the stereotypical Fosters polluted, slang speaking Aussies; the "nice" and timid Canucks; the horny Spanish divorcees; the stuffy Brits and the overbearing, anything-for-a-

My Life in Ruins

Director: Donald Petrie

Stars: Nia Vardalos, Richard Dreyfuss

Classification: PG

Rating: ★

laugh bachelor (Richard Dreyfuss, miles away from *Jaws*) who all seem less interested in her love for Greek history and architecture than they do for shopping and getting smashed.

Along the way, Georgia begins a forehead smacking, would-be screwball relationship with her hirsute driver, Poupi Kackas (say it aloud) whose very name exemplifies the kind of lowbrow, broad and thoroughly tired humour that director Donald Petrie revels in.

Petrie (*Miss Congeniality*) is a tried and true Hollywood hack whose comic touch is about as sophisticated as an orangutan in a tuxedo and his ham-handed guidance ensures that every single performance, every weathered gag and dramatic revelation is turned up way past 11.

And that's really too bad, because Vardalos, as she did in her first picture, comes off as rather likeable and the Greek scenery is nothing short of eye filling.

But just in case you think this critic to be waxing hyperbolic at how utterly moronic *My Life in Ruins* really is, Poupi's nephew is named Doudi. I wish I were kidding.

• For *My Life in Ruins* photos, trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

CHRIS ALEXANDER
FOR METRO CANADA

Comedy left in Ruins

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

Screen Times

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Rap artist Rick Ross performs at the 8th annual BMI Urban Awards at the Wilshire theatre in Beverly Hills, Calif., in this file photo.

Guns and drugs?

Some rappers embellish their image: Exec

Rick Ross sold hit albums rapping about selling crack cocaine but a revelation that he once worked as a prison guard threatened to end his career.

For a rapper cultivating a bad-boy image, a uniform put him on the wrong side of the law.

U.S. rappers often sell songs about drugs and guns based on "real-life" stories, but increasingly some of those stories are being exposed as embellishments aimed at helping them build successful careers, experts say.

"Some of the stories are fabricated and some of it is reality, and what they are doing is mixing the two," music executive Devyne Stephens said. "When you say you shot and killed somebody and you put it on a CD, nine times out of 10, you really didn't shoot and kill anybody."

Ross is a bearded, burly Miami rapper who brags of a cash-fueled, drug-boss life. His real name is William Leonard Roberts II but he takes his stage name from a drug trafficker.

So he was publicly humiliated when pictures surfaced of him last year through The Smoking Gun website looking clean-cut in a correctional officer's uniform.

"When you say you shot and killed somebody and you put it on a CD, nine times out of 10, you really didn't shoot and kill anybody."

Devyne Stephens

Ross at first denied his past, then admitted it but maintained his drug-dealing tales of the street were true.

His third album, released last month and featuring titles such as Rich off Cocaine, still sold well.

Stephens, who has been hailed as an image branding king and has worked with artists including Mary J. Blige, Usher, Sean "Diddy" Combs and Nelly, said many rappers mix lines in their songs that aren't literally true but draw from real experiences or stories they have heard.

He says "probably 85 per cent" of rappers embellish stories in songs and calls the current trend "reality music" which, like reality television, is something of a misnomer.

Stephens helped groom another successful U.S. rapper, Akon, who has had hits like "Locked Up" and "Ghetto." Akon was ridiculed last year and accused of dramatically enhancing claims of belonging to a car theft ring and having served prison time.

The new crop of rappers

want to emulate the success of rappers-turned-moguls like former New York drug dealers Jay-Z and 50 Cent, who both sold albums based on their transformations from street hustling to popping champagne.

"You formulate that story to make it just as interesting as the Jay-Z story," Stephens said, describing an outline of: "I am a hustler, I came from nothing and turned it into something and now I am on yachts in St. Tropez."

Much of the underworld image is obviously real with many rappers arrested for drugs and gun possession, including one of the current top rappers, Lil Wayne, who faces narcotics and weapons possession charges. Others, like former drug dealer T.I., reshaped their image when facing prison time.

Atlanta-based T.I. just began serving a one-year sentence for illegally possessing machine guns, but reduced his sentence by warning young people about the dangers of drugs and gangs.

REUTERS

Billboard's top albums

1. Relapse, Eminem; 2. 21st Century Breakdown, Green Day; 3. Hannah Montana Soundtrack; 4. The High End of Low, Marilyn Manson; 5. The Fame, Lady Gaga. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Trucks carves out legacy

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

As part of the Allman Brothers Band, Derek Trucks spends a great deal of his time trying to live up to the legacy of guitar god Duane Allman.

It's a task that could drive a lesser guitarist mad. Since dying in a motorcycle accident 38 years ago at the age of 24, Allman has achieved legendary status. His shoes are not the easiest to step into. But over the past ten years, Trucks has taken up the challenge with a brilliance that has gained him acceptance among the Allmans' notoriously demanding fans as well as respect from his better known peers.

At the relatively young age of 29, Trucks is widely acknowledged as one of

the world's great practitioners of electric slide guitar, an able successor to Allman and a remarkable stylist in his own right.

So despite all the satisfaction he gets playing with the Allmans, it's nice to ease himself out of that pressure cooker and into the comfort of his own solo project, The Derek Trucks Band.

"It's like the difference between driving a Mack truck and a sports car," laughs Trucks.

Trucks was talking on the phone from New York's Beacon Theatre where the Allmans recently completed a string of 15 sold-out concerts to celebrate the great band's 40th anniversary. During those shows, the Allmans were joined by

a stunning array of guest artists including Eric Clapton, Buddy Guy, Levon Helm (The Band), Los Lobos, Trey Anastasio (Phish), Phil Lesh and Bob Weir (the Grateful Dead), John Hammond and Sheryl Crow. Even then, Trucks found it necessary to take a break and jam out with his own band.

"My band played a show on the last night off, the Wednesday night, down in Jersey and that was such a breath of fresh air," Trucks says. "I felt

like we had so much more control of the direction, just like on the drop of a hat. It was really nice ... The Allman Brothers run has been amazing but, I was actually surprised at how much I enjoyed being with my guys for the one gig we did. I think it made me play better with the Allmans the next night. They kind of refuel each other."

Trucks, a native of Jacksonville, Fla., comes by his talents naturally. As nephew to Allmans' drummer Butch Trucks, he grew up with the band's music.

His father even



"It's like the difference between driving a Mack truck and a sports car," says Derek Trucks of the difference between playing with the Allman Brothers Band and his self-titled solo project.

named him out of respect for Derek and the Dominos, the early '70s band that paired Clapton with Duane Allman.

When Clapton asked Trucks to join his band for a tour two years ago, he eagerly took up the challenge. One of the things Trucks most remembers

about that tour was when he brought his father to Clapton's English estate to meet his idol.

"He invited me and my family out to his place outside of London, the place in the country that he's had for 40 years," Trucks says. "My dad is a roofer from Jacksonville who named his son off that record. Watching him have afternoon tea with Eric was surreal."



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METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cui Jian and the music of Tiananmen Square

SoundCheck

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In 2006, I took a long, slow walk around Tiananmen Square, trying to imagine the horrors faced by the untold hundreds (thousands?) of student protesters who were massacred by the army that was supposed to protect them in June 1989.

I knew this: Before the tanks rolled in, there was music. Much of it was from Cui Jian, one of the very first Chinese rock stars.

Taking cues from records by the Beatles, the Stones and the Talking Heads smuggled in from Bangkok and Hong Kong, he started writing music.

In 1986, he released his first album, Rock and Roll and the New Long March. It eventually established him as the "Father of Chinese Rock" and even "the Bruce Springsteen of modern China."

The comparison isn't inaccurate. By 1989, his biggest song was Nothing to My Name which resonated the same way Born to Run did. The narrator of the song pleads with a girl to go with him, but she scorns him for being poor. Although it works as a typical boy-girl love song, it was also seen metaphorically as a very political song, extolling anti-socialist concepts such as individualism. Others interpreted it as a dialogue with China itself. A rock song said things that could never, ever be expressed in public.

By the time students began occupying the square that spring, Nothing to My Name had been adopted



Rolling Stone published its first and only Chinese edition in 2006.

as their anthem. Cui was flattered and inspired by the risks the protestors were taking so he, sporting a John Lennon-like haircut, often showed up to talk and occasionally

sing with the students. No wonder he was embraced by some of the prominent leaders of the movement.

Then came June 4, 1989. Cui and other rock musicians were forced to hide

out in the provinces for almost a year.

Even after it was safe to come back to Beijing, playing gigs was risky for the next ten years. It wasn't until he was able to play a show in Capital Stadium in September 2005 that Beijing's unofficial ban on his music came to an end.

During my visit to Tiananmen Square in March 2006, Rolling Stone published its first Chinese edition. The guy on the cover? Cui Jian. This was also the last Chinese Rolling Stone. Within a week, its publishing licence was taken away by the government. Coincidence?

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3. Right Round Flo Rida
4. Kiss Me Thru The Phone Soulja Boy
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6. I'm On A Boat Lonely Island
7. Blame It Jamie Foxx
8. Crack A Bottle Eminem
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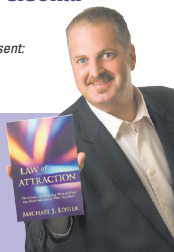


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Television



Left:
Paris
Hilton

Paris' Middle Eastern BFF

Celebrity heiress Paris Hilton is bringing her reality show search for a new best friend to Dubai, but her hard-partying style will be reined in a notch to accommodate Middle East sensibilities, the production company behind the series said this week.

Production on the latest version of Paris Hilton's *My New BFF* will begin

later this month in Dubai and take 17 days, Ish Entertainment said.

As in the U.S. and British versions of the program, the show will revolve around a group of contestants trying to win Hilton's affection and the title of her "best friend forever," or "BFF" to use text-messaging lingo.

"We're very aware we are not making the same

show we would make in Los Angeles," said Ish co-founder Michael Hirschorn.

Despite the high alcohol content often found in similar reality shows, Hirschorn said to respect the local mores of Dubai, alcohol may be nixed from the program.

He added the idea for the show intrigued him.

"I was excited about the

sheer, 'Oh my God, what's going to happen' factor," Hirschorn said.

Lions Gate Entertainment Corp will distribute the show internationally, and the program will likely air in Arab countries and possibly in the U.S. on cable channel MTV or on the TV Guide Network, which is owned by Lions Gate.

No air date has been set

for the show starring Hilton, who has never been to Dubai.

Hilton, 28, is the daughter of Rick and Kathy Hilton of the Hilton hotel family, and is a favourite of the paparazzi everywhere. Her show *Paris Hilton's My New BFF* began last year on MTV and was soon followed by a British version.

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HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News	ABC News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Wife Swap		Samantha	Samantha	20/20
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea		Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Samantha	Samantha	Spectacle
11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)	The Hour (N)	
32	32	32	CBS	News	Evening News	The Insider	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer		Flashpoint "Eagle Two"	NUMB3RS	
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS (HDTV)	The Unit	NCIS "Witch Hunt" (N)		Flashpoint "Eagle Two"	News	
9	9	9	CJCH	etalk	Hollywood	Spectacle: Elivs	Ghost Whisperer	Mental (HDTV)		Dateline NBC	Fox First	
36	36	36	FOX	Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Howie Do It		Howie Do It		
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	WWE SmackDown!				
55	55	55	SCOR	(6) HSR	Poker Challenge	That's Hockey	Interruption	World Poker Tour				Score Tonight
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	CSi: Miami (HDTV)	CSi: Miami (HDTV)	CSi: Miami (HDTV)		CSi: Miami (HDTV)		SportsCentre
16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	News (N)	Blessings	Fish Out	Rabbit Fall		Cashing In		Shadow of the Hawk ** (1976, Adventure)
70	70	70	APTN	News (N)	Bravovews	Edge Codes	Air Force	Good Morning		Bravo! Fact		Books-Film
37	37	37	BRVO	Laughs	Comedy Now	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Daily Planet (N)	Campbell Brown (N)		Corner Gas		VIP
49	49	49	COM	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	How It's Made	How It's Made	House	Property		Ext Living		Location
18	18	18	CNN	Legends	Legends	disBand	disBand	One Tree Hill		Josie and the Pussycats ** (2001)		Drop Zone ** (1994, Action)
38	38	38	DISC	Legends	Legends	disBand	disBand	One Tree Hill		Josie and the Pussycats ** (2001)		Drop Zone ** (1994, Action)
48	48	48	HGTV	Legends	Legends	disBand	disBand	One Tree Hill		Josie and the Pussycats ** (2001)		Drop Zone ** (1994, Action)
46	46	46	HIST	Legends	Legends	disBand	disBand	One Tree Hill		Josie and the Pussycats ** (2001)		Drop Zone ** (1994, Action)
17	17	17	MM	disBand	disBand	disBand	disBand	One Tree Hill		Josie and the Pussycats ** (2001)		Drop Zone ** (1994, Action)
206	206	206	PIX	(6) North by Northwest (1959)				(8:25) Top of the Food Chain (1999)				
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits	The Best Years (DVS)	Kenny-Spenny		Kenny-Spenny		Trailer Park
40	40	40	SLICE	The Mom Show	Wild Weddings (N)	Wild Weddings (N)	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress
21	21	21	TLC	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	True Jackson	Liar Liar ** (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey.	Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol		Family Biz
22	22	22	W	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	True Jackson	Liar Liar ** (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey.	Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol		Family Biz
27	27	27	YTV	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	True Jackson	Liar Liar ** (1997, Comedy) Jim Carrey.	Prank Patrol		Prank Patrol		Family Biz

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	Horse Racing	Legend of the Seeker	Wipeout (HDTV)		Here Come the Newbyeds		Daisies		Happiness
7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Marine Life ** (2000, Comedy-Drama)			Comedy Now (DVS)				
11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	The Nature of Things	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 5 - Penguins at Red Wings			Harper's Island (N)		48 Hr. Mystery
32	32	32	CBS	News	CBS News	Paid Program	Old Christine	Doc		Doc		News
6	6	6	CHIF	To Be Announced	NCIS	Old Christine	Old Christine	Cable Beach (2004, Mystery) Chris Kramer.				News
9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE-Peace Warrior	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops (N)		America's Most Wanted		Fox First
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball	Access Hollywood (N)	Access Hollywood (N)	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 5 - Penguins at Red Wings			MMA Show		Final Score
12	12	12	NBC	News	Footy Show	Score Update	BodogFight					
55	55	55	SCOR	MMA Show	Footy Show	Score Update	BodogFight					
53	53	53	TSN	Horse Racing	NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series - Federated Auto Parts 300. (HDTV) (Live)							
16	16	16	A&E	(6:30) Overboard ** (1987, Comedy)			Independence Day *** (1996, Science Fiction) Will Smith.					
70	70	70	APTN	Cooking	MYTV	Arbor Live Sixx:AM performs.	The Mix	Living, Dream		The Land Has Eyes ** (2004, Drama)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo!Videos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall	Spectacle: Elivs	Corner Gas		VIP		Sweet Away (2002, Romance-Comedy)
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	VIP		The Simpsons		South Park
18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	Newsroom	Newsroom	Campbell Brown			Larry King Live		Daniel Tosh
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Destroyed		Time Warp (N)		Newsroom
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes on Homes	Holmes on Homes	Colin & Justin's Home Heist	Sarah Costello	HGTV's Top		Million Dollar Listing		One Way Out
46	46	46	HIST	For King and Empire	Video on Trial	Josie and the Pussycats ** (2001, Comedy)	Lost	Loosest of Omaha Beach		Saving Private Ryan (1998, War)		Makeover
17	17	17	MM	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Josie and the Pussycats ** (2001, Comedy)	Lost	Loosest of Omaha Beach		Saving Private Ryan (1998, War)		Makeover
206	206	206	PIX	Along Came a Spider	(8:15) Get Carter * (2000, Suspense)					Muchmusic Countdown		Beverly Hills Ninja * (1997, Comedy)
39	39	39	SHOW	Beyond Loch Ness (2008, Suspense)	Brian Krause.	Storm Cell (2008, Drama) Mimi Rogers.	Fantastic Four					
40	40	40	SLICE	Rich Bride, Poor Bride (N)	Real Housewives OC	Real Housewives OC	My Wardrobe	So Chic		Matchmaker		48 Hours
21	21	21	TLC	Serial ... (HDTV)	Serial ... (HDTV)	Serial ... (HDTV)	48 Hours: Hard Evidence					48 Hours
22	22	22	W	Hwd 10 Best	Last Holiday ** (2006, Comedy) Queen Latifah, Gérard Depardieu.		The Holiday ** (2006, Romance-Comedy)					
27	27	27	YTV	Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This		Adrenaline		In Real Life

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News	ABC News	Jimmy Kimmel	NBA Count	NBA Basketball Finals Game 2 - Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Lakers.				
7	7	7	ASN	Smallville "Abyss"	Jerry Maguire *** (1996, Romance-Comedy) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr.							Canada-Model
11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (DVS)	Anne Murray-Music of	Leonard Cohen: Everybody	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)			CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		5th estate
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News	60 Minutes	The 63rd Annual Tony Awards (HDTV) (Live)					
6	6	6	CHIF	16:9 Picture	King of Hill	King of Hill	American Dad	Family Guy		American Dad		News
9	9	9	CJCH	Corner Gas	Degrassi: TNG	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	The Mentalist (HDTV)	CSI: NY		Family Guy		News
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Superstar"	King of Hill	American Dad	The Simpsons	King of Hill		Family Guy		American Dad
12	12	12	NBC	News	NBC News	Dateline NBC				The Last Templar * (2009, Adventure)		Fox First
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Facts-Fishing	The WWE Experience	BodogFight			Strikeforce		Pokerstars
53	53	53	TSN	NASCAR Race	SportsCentre	NBA Pregame	NBA Count	NBA Basketball Finals Game 2 - Orlando Magic at Los Angeles Lakers.				Simmons
16	16	16	A&E	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Arbor Live Sixx:AM performs.		Lakota Woman: Siege at Wounded Knee		
70	70	70	APTN	Great Towns	MYTV	The Mix	Living, Dream	The Battle of Wills (N)		The Bourne Identity (2002, Suspense)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Spectacle: Elivs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Bravo! Fact	Laughs		VIP		The Simpsons
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Bravo! Fact	Laughs		VIP		The Simpsons
18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom	Newsroom	Newsroom	MythBusters	State of the Union		Man vs. Wild (N)		MythBusters
38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	House	House	My First Place		Buy Me		Extreme Makeover: Home
48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes in New Orleans	Band of Brothers	Band of Brothers	So You Think You Can Dance	Las Vegas callbacks.		Stand by Me 1986, Comedy-Drama)		Muchmusic
46	46	46	HIST	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	The Guard (HDTV)	The Guard (HDTV)	I Know What I Saw (2007, Suspense)		Beverly Mitchell.		Rescue Me
17	17	17	MM	Saddle the Wind (1958, Western)		End of Leash	End of Leash	Tori & Dean: Home		Salon Diaries		Style-Famous
206	206	206	PIX	Fantastic Four	Trailer Park	The Woman With Giant Legs	The Woman With Giant Legs	World's Tallest Children (N)		World's Heaviest Man		Heaviest Man
39	39	39	SHOW	Last 10	Grocery	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Intimate Stranger (2006, Suspense)		Kari Matchett.		Absolution
40	40	40	SLICE	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Grocery	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Intimate Stranger (2006, Suspense)		Kari Matchett.		Absolution
21	21	21	TLC	(5) The Holiday (2006)				SpongeBob		Prank Patrol		In Real Life "Pilots"
22	22	22	W	The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl ** (2005)								Adrenaline
27	27	27	YTV									

Miley clothing line at Wal-Mart

FASHION Major retailer Wal-Mart has unveiled plans to launch a fashion line with Miley Cyrus, linking itself to a top teenage pop star about the time back-to-school shopping begins.

Cyrus, the star of the hit Disney Channel series *Hannah Montana*, will team with designer Max Azria, of BCBGMAXAZRIA, to create a line of budget-

friendly items: graphic tees, tops, pants, shoes and accessories, all under \$20.

In a statement, Wal-Mart said the line will reflect the rock 'n' roll roots of 16-year-old Cyrus, who has scored musical hits with her *Hannah Montana* albums and enjoyed strong success at film box offices with her *Hannah Montana: The Movie*.

Fashion designer now becomes the latest title for the teen star, who has singer, actress and author already under her belt.

"I love creating looks that are all about personal expression and individuality," Cyrus said in a statement.

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Kristina DeBarge - Goodbye

Eminem - We Made You

Jeremih - Birthday Sex

Sean Kingston - Fire Burning

Flo rida - Sugar

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3OH3! - Don't Trust Me

Jamie Foxx - Blame It

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In brief

TELEVISION Actor Robert Knepper continues his villainous streak. Coming off a role as bad guy Theodore (T-Bag) Bagwell on Fox's *Prison Break*, Knepper has been tapped as the new lead villain on NBC's *Heroes* next season. In at least six episodes of the series' fourth season, Knepper will play Samuel, a Jim Jones type — charismatic but evil, with a twisted sense of humour. *Heroes* is slated to return in the fall in a new time slot, 8 p.m. ET on Mondays.

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Janssen returns to Nip/Tuck

Who's rising like a phoenix to return for Nip/Tuck's final two episodes? X-Men actress Famke Janssen, who'll return as memorable transsexual Ava Moore. Show creator Ryan Murphy announced the return of on the show's fan forum. TVGUIDE.COM

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Television

Listening to instincts

Halifax native ignores pressure in life and in new NBC TV role

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Craig Olejnik is getting his chance to win over American audiences as the star of *The Listener*, NBC's new summer drama hoping to attract the same audiences that have made *Medium* and *The Ghost Whisperer* successes.

On *The Listener*, Olejnik plays Toby Logan, an EMT who also happens to be harboring a secret: he's telepathic.

Though he eventually learns to harness his ability to help others, Toby initially tries to suppress his power, unable to take the pressure of hearing everyone's thoughts. And ignoring pressure is something Olejnik, who turned 30 earlier this week, can relate to.

"There's no pressure if you just do the work," he says. "There's only pressure

if you get outside the bubble of your day-to-day and begin to look at the situation and get carried away with fantasies of what this is or isn't for your career."

The Halifax, N. S., native got off to a lucky start in the acting world, landing a lead role in the film *Margaret's Museum* off of his first audition. But it wasn't all smooth sailing after that.

"I did my first job at 14 or 15,

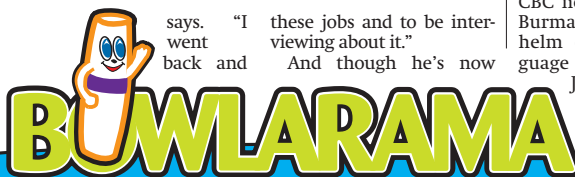
but I was utterly confused after that," Olejnik admits.

The sudden exposure to the entertainment industry left him confused and searching, dealing with situations his rural upbringing hadn't prepared him for. Olejnik even ended up dropping out of high school, though he went back and finished eventually. But returning to the acting world took a bit longer.

"I didn't really work again until 20 or 21," he



Actor Craig Olejnik plays a young paramedic with telepathic powers in the new NBC drama *The Listener*.



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says. "I these jobs and to be inter-
went viewing about it."
back And though he's now

just figured out what the hell was up with life." Now that he's figured that out and landed the lead in a series, Olejnik is looking to make the most of it.

"I'd like to put everything into it and rock 'n' roll it for the next few years, and hopefully come out of it in 10 years having done and been a part of a lot of interesting things," he says, though speculating about his career makes him uncomfortable. "I think it's frivolous to talk about," he admits. "We're lucky to have these careers and

leading a big network TV show and hopes to keep working as an actor, Olejnik has no illusions about the future — of both his career and television itself. "Storytelling will always exist, but the form is changing so rapidly. In 10 years it won't look anything like it looks now," Olejnik predicts.

"The medium is changing. Once they figure out getting better quality over the Internet and onto your plasma TV, that will be when things really change."

So maybe he's psychic as well as telepathic.

Al Jazeera English hopes to be in Canada by fall

The managing director of Al Jazeera English is confident that the network will get regulatory approval to broadcast across Canada, perhaps as soon as the fall.

A 30-day "public consultation" process is now underway by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, said former CBC news executive Tony Burman, who took the helm of the English-language offshoot of Al Jazeera two years ago.

"The response that we're getting is overwhelmingly positive," Burman said, adding he hopes the commission will grant approval in June or July, at which point cable and satellite companies will be allowed to carry the service.

Canadian Jewish groups opposed a similar application in 2003 by the English network's parent company, Al Jazeera, which broadcasts in Arabic, citing concerns about anti-Israel coverage. The CRTC gave tentative approval to the network then, but with conditions that potential signal carriers found too daunting.

"The response that we're getting is overwhelmingly positive."

Tony Burman, CBC news executive

Bernie Farber, CEO of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said his organization remains concerned about allowing Al Jazeera English in Canada, but less so than it was six years ago.

"Al Jazeera English, we know, is not Al Jazeera Arabic. But they still have this milestone around their neck and that is their parent company," Farber said.

"We're not opposing (the application) but at the same time, we remain very nervous and very concerned," Farber said.

Farber said he has met with Burman and is pleased with a plan that will allow the congress, representing Canada's Jewish community, to discuss issues with the network regularly.

Al Jazeera English reaches 140 million households in more than 100 countries, which means its audience is getting close to that of its main competitors, BBC World News and CNN International.

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Filmmaker Duncan Jones, who made his feature directorial debut with the Sam Rockwell-starring, left, sci-fi picture *Moon*, plans to direct *Escape From the Deep* as his sophomore big-screen project. **REUTERS**

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven

1 **Horehound: Dead Weather**

ALBUM The prolific Jack White is back with another supergroup — this time, with The Kills' Alison Mosshart and members of The Raconteurs and The Queens of Stone Age. The White Stripes guitarist takes on drum duties in the *Dead Weather* album.

2 **The Hangover**

FILM You know what bachelor parties are like. Getting hosed with "fun" girls and then waking up to clucking chickens, a screaming infant and a tiger cub that apparently belongs to Mike Tyson. If you don't, then this summer's most talked-about comedy will get you the latest from Hollywood on boys behaving badly.

3 **Brüno**

CHARACTER Sacha Baron Cohen's fashion-fanatic, gay alter-ego is fast stoking up the controversy. First came the outrageous, and hilarious, trailer. Then the Eminem-baiting stage surprise, which quickly became the most talked incident at the MTV Movie Awards.

4 **The Beatles: Rock Band**

GAME It's still a long and winding road to the Sept. 9 release date, but the much-awaited game's song lineup was announced this week, with a little help from our Beatle friends, of course.

5 **Twtjobs.com**

WEBSITE Dare to make a job pitch, 140 characters at a time? A Montreal-based company is harnessing the power of Twitter to create special applications to help job seekers and employers connect online.

6 **The Strain: Guillermo Del Toro and Chuck Hogan**

BOOK Just in time for summer — and the swine flu — comes *The Strain*, a sort of *Twilight* with higher gore content. Writer and director del Toro (*Pan's Labyrinth*) and thriller writer Chuck Hogan create a visceral page-turner.

7 **He's Just Not That Into You**

DVD You don't need a reason to round up the gal pals but this DVD's as good as one you'll ever get. Based on the bestselling book about the tell-tale signs of male disinterest and featuring A-listers like Jennifer Aniston, Drew Barrymore and Ben Affleck.

Carradine found dead

American actor David Carradine was found dead, naked and hanging from a rope in the closet of his luxury Bangkok hotel room Thursday, Thai police said. He was 72.

Police said they were alerted to the death of the actor, who won fame as the wandering monk in the *Kung Fu* television series, Thursday morning.

"He was found hanging by a rope in the room's closet," Lt.-Col. Pirom Jantiraprom of the Lumpini police station in Bangkok told Reuters.

Carradine's body was

naked when it was found and there were no signs of other people in the room, Pirom said. The body has been sent to a hospital for an autopsy.

Lori Binder, a representative for Carradine's Los Angeles-based talent manager, said the actor was in Thailand to shoot a film called *Stretch*.

Carradine, from a family of performers and the eldest son of well-known character actor John Carradine, enjoyed a long career on Broadway, television and in movies such as *Kill Bill*.

REUTERS



Actor David Carradine, best known for his roles in the TV series *Kung Fu* and the movie *Kill Bill*, was found dead in Thailand.

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When: Through Sunday
Where: Halifax Metro Centre
The touring show for Alegria is wrapping up its two-week tour in Halifax this weekend with a two-hour performance that is truly breathtaking. Adult ticket prices range from \$55 to \$120.

Matt Minglewood

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Rebecca Cohn
The Cape Breton music legend is performing with his band for a show titled *Songs, Stories and Rockin' The Blues*. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 day of show.

Russell Peters



When: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Halifax Metro Centre
Need a laugh on election night? Well, this popular Canadian comic should do the trick. Tickets range in price from \$66.50 to \$117.50.

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When: Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday 4 and 8 p.m.
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Examining Media Issues

InDepth

Foreign Aid: Experts from around the world debated whether foreign aid results in more harm than good in developing countries during the latest Munk Debate in Toronto this week. Here are some suggestions to learn more about the issue:

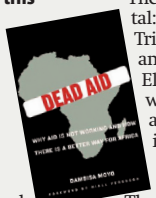
• **PANELISTS AND THEIR BOOKS:** The two panelists arguing aid causes more harm than good were Zambian-born author Dambisa Moyo, whose book *Dead Aid* argues that government aid does not help Africa, despite \$1 tril-

lion being poured into the content over the last four decades. Her debating partner was Hernando de Soto, president of Peru's Institute for Liberty and Democracy and author of *The Mystery of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs in the West and Fails Everywhere Else*. Arguing for aid were Paul Collier, an Oxford economics professor and author of the award-winning *The Bottom Dollar: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It* and Stephen Lewis, former UN Special envoy for HIV/AIDS

in Africa, and a professor of global health at McMaster University, and author of *Race Against Time*. • **MOVIES:** One concern raised about foreign aid during the debate was the support it can provide to dictators and tyrants. This has been a popular theme in movies recently, with political corruption acting as main character in *The Constant Gardener*, based on John Le Carré's novel of the same name, the United Nations-set thriller *The Interpreter* with Nicole Kidman, and *Blood Diamond* with

Leonardo DiCaprio. • **MUSIC** The fight for foreign aid has been a popular cause celeb for a number of years, from the British and Irish charity group Band Aid, which raised money for famine relief in Ethiopia, and 2004's Band Aid 20 collaboration. Of course, there was also the song *We Are The World*, and the Live Aid events held in 1985 and 2005 to also raise money and awareness for aid relief efforts. Most of these endeavours are available online, and in compilation CDs and DVDs

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After a seven-year hiatus, Whitney Houston will release a new album Sept. 1. Houston's seventh studio album — rumoured to be titled *Undefeated* — will include the Diane Warren-penned *I Didn't Know My Own Strength*. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Ciara's Fantasy Ride

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

If you haven't noticed, life is good for Ciara Harris. But, make no mistake, it's only going to get better.

"I have tons of plans," says the 23-year-old R&B star. "I want to do a lot more when it comes to TV and film. I'm hoping to do action and comedy movies."

The Austin, Texas-born vocalist has already taken the do-everything branding strategy to heart. Ciara's just released *Fantasy Ride*, her third record; she's joined a renowned modelling agency; she's starred in a host of films; and she runs her own dance company.

Managing her ambitions seems like it would be a full-time job on its own, but Ciara says it's as simple as finding the right balance. "When you have a goal, you have to make it all work," she says. "After I'm done touring, that's

when I'll do movies."

While it might sound like the soulful singer has her life worked out, she admits that accomplishing everything requires some superhero-like magic. That's one reason why she's developed an alter-ego, the comic book character Super C.

"That's my inner superhero," she explains. "It's my drive to help me overcome obstacles. For relationships to work, I have to be strong — that's the Super C in me."

The album artwork looks and feels like a comic book, but there's no Batman-style brawls here. "My superpower is the power to move you," she says. "My goal is to inspire people through the power of performance and the power to inspire dreams. My story didn't involve me coming from a glamorous life, so I'm here to say where you come from does not determine who you can become."

While her comic book



In addition to releasing her third album, *Fantasy Ride*, Ciara has joined a renowned modelling agency, starred in a host of films and runs her own dance company.

hero self does espouse some inspirational messages on *Fantasy Ride*, it's also evident that Super C likes finding herself in some not so PG-13 situations.

In *Love, Sex, Magic*, a frenetic pop tune with Justin Timberlake, she sings: "What's your favourite trick that you wanna use on

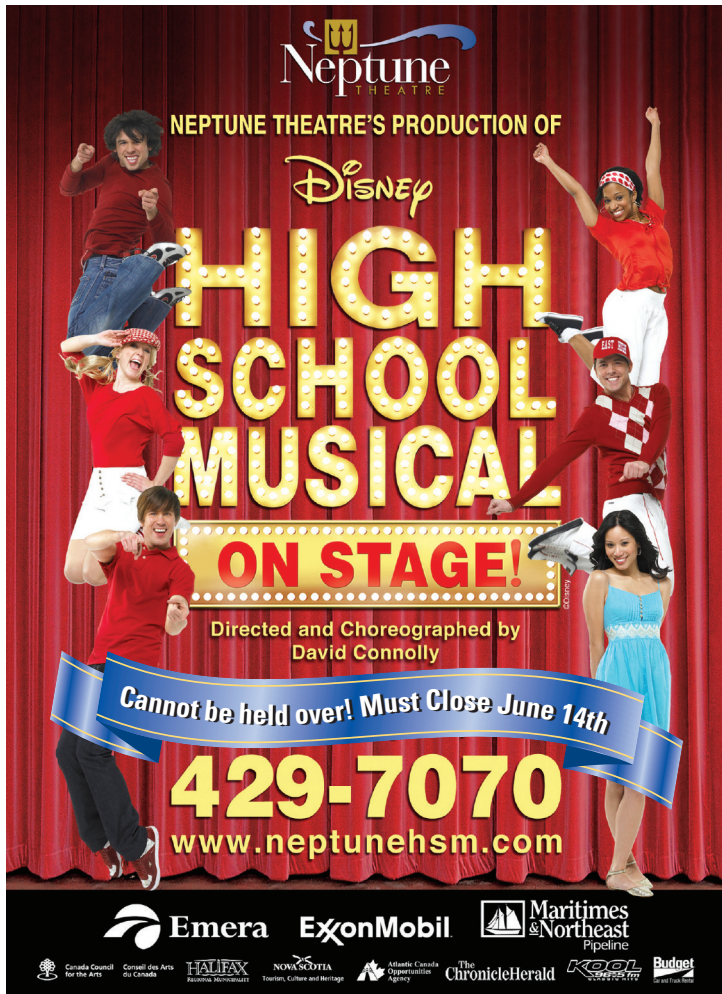
me and I'll volunteer. And I'll be flowing and going till clothing disappears, ain't nothing but shoes on me."

She explains that she tries to write something for everyone, even for her mom, though it's unclear if Mrs. Harris approves of the record's sex-drenched tunes.

Still, whether her mom likes it, this album is almost guaranteed to be a hit. Besides JT, the disc features Ludacris, Missy Elliot and the now-controversial Chris Brown, while the tunes are as infectious as anything she's done before.

What's clear from the album and from Ciara's future plans is that the singer is more self-assured than ever, and that might be the only super power she needs.

"I'm getting more and more confident by the day," she says. "I have more wisdom, experience and an understanding of what's going on. And that growth has, more than anything, become a huge part of what I do."



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Wolverine's parenting tips

How do you get your kids asleep? Give them a good workout before bed, Hugh Jackman suggests. "First of all, you gotta run them around before the bath. Play a game of hide-and-seek or wrestle or muck around," Jackman said. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Twitter a 'triumph'

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News



Teenagers adore it. Oprah Winfrey, too. Even U.S. President Barack Obama uses it.

In three years, Twitter has become a ubiquitous cyber-tool for both everyday communication and important news. Even Time magazine has named "The Twitter Guys" among the world's 100 most influential people.

In March, Twitter had 19.1 million unique visitors worldwide, an almost fifteenfold increase from a year earlier, according to comScore.

"It's an incredibly easy way to communicate with one's friends, and people who are too busy to blog use it as a micro-blog," says Colin Crawford, a senior fellow at the Society for New Communications Research. "Twitter's growth is also driven by the fact that people increasingly communicate via their cellphones, not their computers."

Twitter asks the question "What are you doing?" and lets users answer in 140 characters or less on their computers or cellphones. These updates — "tweets" — are not always inane.

Two years ago, California fire departments started using Twitter to send updates about wildfires.



"As a tool Twitter is very simple, so users tell us what they want from the system," explains Biz Stone.

"What surprised me early on was how easy it felt to use Twitter after a natural disaster," says Twitter co-founder Biz Stone, 35. "We had built it as a social communications tool."

Since then, Twitter has become a weighty news channel where politicians, companies, organizations and private individuals send often-vital updates around the clock.

"As a tool Twitter is very simple, so users tell us what they want from the system," explains Stone. "It has highlighted the fact that people need information in real-time."

The company still only employs some 30 people. They work in a San Francisco loft, where they park their bikes next to the kitchen. According to Stone, Twitter is no high-tech miracle. "It's like flying birds. They move to-

gether in a flock based on very rudimentary communication," he says. "Twitter is a triumph of humanity, not technology."

Twitter bits

• Twitter's Biz Stone on a decisive moment: "In the summer of 2007, a Berkeley student had gone Egypt to study popular protests but each time he showed up the protests were finished. He asked protesters how they knew when to gather, and they answered 'Twitter'. Thanks to Twitter the student made it to the next protest, where he was arrested. The police didn't confiscate his cellphone, so he Twittered 'arrested'. People who received the tweet alerted the Chancellor of UC Berkeley, who contacted the US ambassador to Cairo. The student was quickly released."

• What's the next big

**Read this**

• Want to learn how to use Twitter more effectively? Tim O'Reilly and Sarah Milstein have co-authored *The Twitter Book: The Definitive Guide to the Planet's Most Useful and Effective Communications Channel*. The book includes examples from more than 60 top Twitterers, and ways to make your tweets stand out from the rest. The book is available from oreilly.com and retailers for \$24.99.

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thing? "The standard question when you talked to a friend on the phone used to be 'what are you doing?'. With cellphones it has changed to 'where are you?'" notes Alex Halavais, a communications professor at Quinnipiac University. That could lead to a breakthrough for the growing number of companies that tell cellphone users which of their friends are nearby. Among them are Brightkite, Loopt, Skout, and Google's Latitude.

Costello gives fans solo show

MUSIC Elvis Costello celebrated the release of his *Sacred, Profane & Sugarcane* album with an intimate solo acoustic show Tuesday in Manhattan.

Costello performed a nearly hourlong set for a small group of fans and radio station contest winners at Jim Brady's, an Irish pub near Wall Street.

He focused almost entirely on songs from his

freshly released album, a collection of Americana-style folk songs that was produced by T-Bone Burnett. Costello also performed two new, unreleased songs — *Condemned Man* and the up-tempo show-closer tentatively titled *Five Small Words*.

Next week, Costello kicks off a brief tour with the Sugarcanes, a band featuring many of the musicians who played on the album. **REUTERS**

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ABC bulks up its news team

ABC News is expanding its digital reporter corps by adding its first digital staffers in the U.S.

The arm of Walt Disney's ABC announced Wednesday the addition of new media staffers in Denver and Detroit, as well as the addition of two digital reporters to the network's coverage of the Obama Administration and the economy.

ABC News first deployed a team of seven digital reporters to foreign posts in 2007.

The new reporters will

contribute on- and off-air reporting to the various ABC News television broadcasts and other platforms, including ABC-NEWS.com, ABC News NOW, ABC News Webcasts, ABC News Radio and ABC NewsOne, the network's affiliate news service.

The new ABC News digital reporters:

Denver: Clayton Sandell is a former producer for World News with Charles Gibson, where he covered politics, science, and climate change. He also reported on-air for NewsOne.

He will cover breaking news across the region and focus on stories involving the environment, climate change and alternative energy.

Detroit: Tahman Bradley helped cover the 2008 presidential election for ABC News, taking lead reporting duties for the political unit's coverage of campaign fundraising and political ads. He also served as an embedded reporter covering Barack Obama and Rudy Giuliani and covered the vice presidential debate and the three presi-

First batch

- ABC News first deployed a team of seven digital reporters to foreign posts in 2007.

dential debates. Bradley will cover Michigan and neighbouring states, as well as the challenged auto industry.

White House: Karen Travers returns for a second stint on the presidential beat after covering George W. Bush's second term.

She is a regular on-air contributor to ABC News NOW and also files regularly for ABCNEWS.com. She rejoins the political team at ABC News after most recently serving as the deputy political director for its 2008 election coverage.

Economy: Matthew Jaffe reports on economic issues from Washington, particularly covering the Treasury Department, Federal Reserve and other government agencies overseeing the financial sector.

REUTERS

Godard eyeing Holocaust movie

ADAPTATION Jean-Luc Godard, who turns 79 in the fall, is working on his latest film and eyeing material for the one after that. The icon of the French New Wave has been toiling away on *Le socialisme*, a political story that could be ready as early as this year.

Now there's word that he's interested in directing a film adaptation of *The Lost: A Search for Six of Six Million*, a best-selling Holocaust-themed investigative memoir by New York Times writer Daniel Mendelsohn.

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Lagerfeld goes to the dark side

Fashion icon Karl Lagerfeld is to lend his voice to an animated feature film for the first time in the French movie *Totally Spies*. Lagerfeld, head designer at French fashion brand Chanel, will feature as bad guy Fabu. **REUTERS**

Entertainment

Good news in gaming

Game publishers, in a rare moment of solidarity, joined forces on Wednesday to convey optimism for the future of their \$30 billion industry despite spiraling consumer spending and a global economic downturn.

Electronic Arts, Activision and THQ Inc — with Activision the sole profit-maker in its last reported quarter — hope to focus on developing mainly blockbuster titles while finding ways to eliminate costs.

A year-long recession has slowed sales growth. Re-

search house NPD estimates spending on U.S. videogames dived 17 per cent in April. With top titles often costing as much to produce as a Hollywood film, publishers have had to make tough choices.

After a wave of belt-tightening in the past year, including widespread job cuts, studio closings and title cancellations, many now adopt a strategy of diverting resources to only their most bankable franchises.

"Our actual net development budget has been sig-

Demographics

• Executives see glimmers of hope in new audiences and more casual users, expanding beyond the industry's traditionally heavily male demographic to women and older people.

nificantly reduced this year to \$120 million ... but its focus is on a few of these quality titles," THQ CEO Brian Farrell told Reuters.

Crucial to a vast expan-

sion will be games that appeal not just to the hardcore, but also to families and casual gamers, as exemplified by the enormous take-up of Nintendo's Wii and its best-selling Wii Fit fitness title.

Videogames are likely to score significant sales in coming months as recession-weary consumers go for cheap entertainment instead of taking vacations or buying big ticket items, Take Two Interactive Chairman Strauss Zelnick argued.

REUTERS

Blart still tops DVD ranks

RELEASES With no high-profile new releases hitting shelves, Paul Blart: Mall Cop remained atop the national home video sales and rental charts for a second consecutive week.

The Kevin James-starring comedy, which grossed \$146.3 million in U.S. theaters, continued its strong retail performance, with rental activity falling just 26 percent from the previous week, according to Home Media Magazine market research.

The film retained its top berth on the Nielsen VideoScan First Alert sales chart for the week ended

May 31, as the action thriller *Taken* moved back up to No. 2 and World War II drama *Valkyrie* slipped to No. 3. The highest-ranking newcomer was the romantic comedy *New in Town*, which debuted at No. 4 on the sales chart after grossing \$16.7 million in theaters.

New in Town, which pairs Renee Zellweger and Harry Connick Jr., also debuted at No. 4 on Home Media Magazine's rental chart, behind *Mall Cop*, *Taken* and *Valkyrie*. *Taken* took back the top spot on the Nielsen VideoScan Blu-ray Disc chart. **REUTERS**

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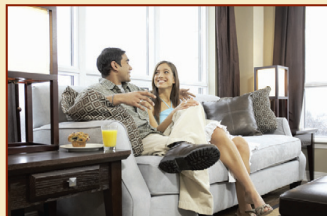
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Christina Ricci and her fiancé, Owen Benjamin, have called off their engagement. "Owen had a birthday party," a source tells People. "Sometime after, they got into a fight and decided to re-evaluate things." **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Celebrity Buzz

Britney's tumultuous childhood

GROWING UP Britney Spears' uncle claims she grew up in a violent household, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who famously shaved her head and spent time in rehab following a breakdown — reportedly witnessed her father Jamie Spears regularly flying into drunken rages at their family home when she was a small child.

Her uncle Willie Spears — who is Jamie's brother — revealed in Steve Dennis' new book Britney: Inside The Dream: "I was at the house and Jamie

walked in drunk and called Lynne a bad name. She was in the kitchen drinking water and he grabbed the glass, walked into the lounge and just hurled it. It was rough, but the sad thing is that it became normal life."

Lynne filed for divorce from Jamie in 1980, the year



before Britney was conceived, after he allegedly cheated on her. Lynne sought a restraining order, fearing divorce proceedings would spark his temper. However, the pair did not legally separate until 2000.

Willie says the erratic behaviour of his brother — who sought treatment for his problems with alcohol in 2004 — became a "normal" part of

his niece's childhood.

He continued: "One time Jamie was drunk and tried to drive off with Britney in the car. She was no more than five years old. I tried to stop him, so I reached into the truck to grab the keys from the ignition and he punched me. We got right into it there by the car, fighting in front of her."

"Britney was jumping up and down, crying. Lynne had to run out to get her inside. We Spears men are known for fighting. If Britney happened to be there, so be it." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Ashlee's jealous side

DESPERATE HOUSEWIFE A run-in with husband Pete Wentz's ex put Ashlee Simpson in a foul mood at a party the other night. After being seated near actress Michelle Trachtenberg, Simpson reportedly proceeded to get drunk and behave inappropriately, hurling insults and giving her husband a lap dance while staring directly

at Trachtenberg, according to Page Six.

"She was grinding up on Pete like a stripper. It was actually pretty disgusting," a source said. Simpson's rep would only say: "It was just a misunderstanding. Ashlee has since apologized to Michelle and they remain on good terms."



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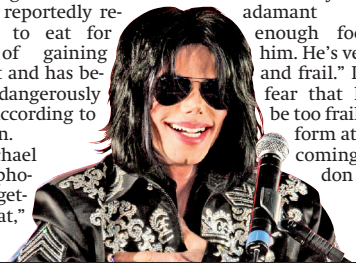
Jacko anorexic?

EATING DISORDER? Michael Jackson, rumoured to be suffering from skin cancer, is reportedly refusing to eat for fear of gaining weight and has become dangerously thin, according to the Sun.

"Michael has a phobia of getting fat," a

source said. "He is insistent that he'll only eat once a day and is adamant that's enough food for him. He's very thin and frail." Insiders

fear that he will be too frail to perform at his upcoming London shows.



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Oprah defends health advice on show

UNDER FIRE Oprah Winfrey spoke out about Newsweek's latest cover story, which claims that she abuses her influence and credibility by promoting health "cures" that are ineffective and dangerous, us-magazine.com reports.

Among the Oprah guests who have offered questionable medical

advice: Suzanne Somers told Winfrey she swallows 60 supplements every day and takes a variety of bioidentical hormones to fight

aging; physician/author Christiane Northrup, who told Oprah viewers that "thyroid dysfunction develops

ops because of an energy blockage in the throat region, the result of a lifetime of 'swallowing' words one is aching to say."

Winfrey insists she is only trying to open dialogue between viewers and their doctors. Winfrey said in a statement. "I trust the viewers, and I know that they are smart and discerning enough to seek out medical opinions to determine what may be best for them."

But some Winfrey viewers say Oprah's informa-

tion isn't all helpful.

Living Oprah, a blogger who spent a year following Oprah's advice, said some of it "conflicted with my own doctor's guidance. My doc always shrugged at how many supplements I knocked back in 2008."

Biologist PZ Myers, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota, also blogged: "It's about time one of the big media players pointed out that she is promoting dangerous fake therapies."

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Secret weapon: Baby wipes

PARENTING TIP Brad Pitt has figured out the secret to hygiene on the go. "He shared that when you're sweating and don't have time to take a shower, you just take a baby wipe and rub it under your armpits," Eli Roth, Pitt's co-star in the upcoming Inglourious Basterds, told People magazine.

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Dogs are Jon's best friends

IT'S LONELY AT THE TOP As the paparazzi continue to hound the troubled Gosselins, Jon knows he can count on man's best friend to watch his back, people.com reports.

"The people outside my house, I can't control that. But in all the pictures, my lovely puppies sit out there," said Jon Gosselin, star of Jon &

Kate Plus 8, of his German shepherd puppies named Shoka and Nala.

People.com says caring for the dogs has been a welcome distraction for Jon, who sparked controversy after he was spotted leaving a bar with a

woman.

In addition to caring for his eight-year-old twins and five-year-old sextuplets, he's also in charge of the dogs. But since they're pups, they're still doing things they shouldn't.

"There is no corner of my wood-framed house that has not been gnawed off and either replaced by my contractor or is ready to be replaced," he said.

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Jonas mom prays sons keep purity

MOTHERLY LOVE The mother of the Jonas Brothers hopes and prays that her sons remain virgins until they're married. But she knows it's a tough world out there for young stars.

"They are men. They have desires. They have testosterone," Denise Jonas tells Hollyscoop. "If they make a mistake, I'm not going to hate them. I don't think they are above or below being seduced. I would be foolish if I thought that. I pray for them."

METRO WORLD NEWS



Cameron wants a big butt and she cannot lie

SECRET WISH Cameron Diaz wants a bigger butt, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The star is not a fan of plastic surgery, but often contemplates getting buttock implants to make her derriere rounder.

She said: "I'd love a bigger butt, more meat on my bones. I'd love to be more voluptuous. It's just not my body type."

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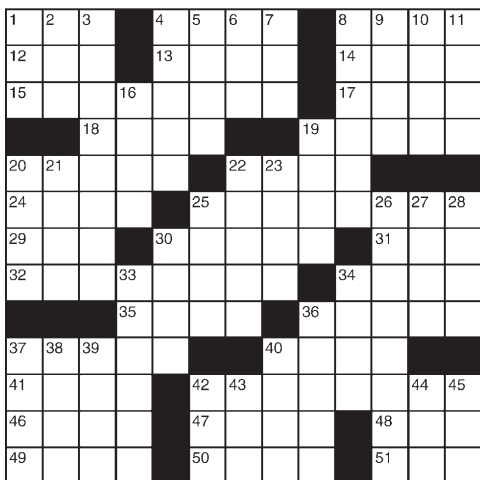


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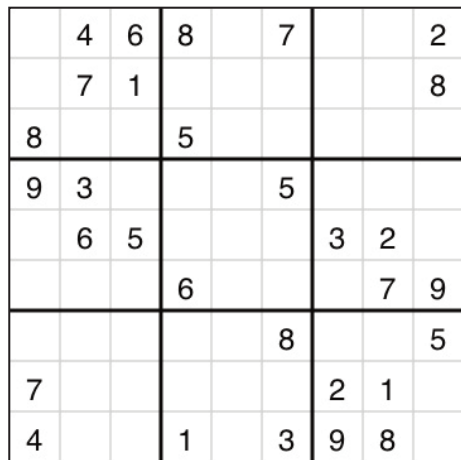
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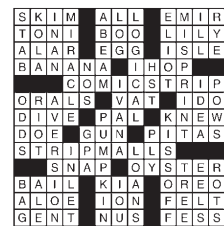
Crossword across

- 1 Pouch
4 Heroic legend
8 Liniment target
12 "I" strain?
13 Spring phenomenon
14 Burden
15 Muse of heroic poetry
17 Ilk
18 Unctuous
19 Fine mate?
20 Bender
22 Author Bellow
24 Jackie Paper's pal
25 Nymph changed into Ursa Major
29 Outback bird
30 Bad investment, maybe
31 Tend the lawn
32 "Minnie the Moocher" singer
34 Hot dog holder
35 "— Lang Syne"
36 Combines resources
37 Cancel out
40 Right on the map?
41 Way out, maybe
42 Dirty Harry's last name
46 Initial stake
47 Church section
48 Caustic solution
49 Repast
50 Oboist's sliver
51 Evergreen variety

Crossword down

- 1 Moment
2 — Khan
3 Striking, in a way
4 Subway entrance
5 "Hi, sailor!"
6 Space
7 Shock partner
8 Base
9 Quarter, e.g.
10 Full house or flush
11 Vortex
16 Willingly, once
19 As called for
20 Detail, for short
21 Cougar
22 Dieter's entree
23 "— McBeal"
25 Part of a Batsuit
26 Without interruption
27 Turnpike fee
28 They give a hoot
30 Out of bounds
33 Crown of honour
34 Parks of civil rights fame
36 Lost ruddiness
37 Leading man?
38 Zilch
39 Part of N.B.
40 Otherwise
42 Ford or Lincoln
43 Mimic
44 Nay undoer
45 Fresh

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



9	4	7	6	1	2	8	3	5
8	2	6	5	7	3	9	1	4
5	1	3	8	9	4	2	6	7
6	7	8	2	3	9	5	4	1
2	3	5	1	4	8	7	9	6
4	9	1	7	6	5	3	8	2
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7	5	9	4	8	6	1	2	3
3	6	2	9	5	1	4	7	8

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 minGenius	17-21 minSmart
13-17 minScholar	21-25 minNot bad
		25+ minKeep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Spiced Pork with Sweet Potatoes

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
4 boneless pork loin chops, trimmed of fat
1 red onion, coarsely chopped
2 celery stalks, chopped
1 large sweet potato, peeled and cut into sticks
2/3 cup (150 ml) cranberry juice
2/3 cup (150 ml) chicken stock
1 piece preserved ginger, drained and cut into fine sticks
1 tbsp (15 ml) thick-cut orange marmalade
1 tbsp (15 ml) dry sherry
1 tsp (5 ml) Chinese five-spice powder
2 star anise
4 plum tomatoes, quartered lengthwise
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
3 scallions, shredded

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large Dutch oven over medium heat. Add pork chops and brown, 3 to 4 minutes per

side; transfer to plate and set aside.

2. Add onion and celery to oil remaining in Dutch oven and sauté 2 to 3 minutes. Add sweet potato, cover pan, and sweat vegetables until soft, 3 to 4 minutes.

3. Stir in cranberry juice, stock, ginger, marmalade, star anise and a little salt and pepper; bring to boil. Reduce heat and return pork to Dutch oven. Cover and simmer 15 minutes.

4. Add tomatoes, re-cover Dutch oven, and simmer until tomatoes are lightly cooked, but still hold their shape, about 5 minutes. Taste and add more salt and pepper, if necessary. Serve garnished with scallions.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Feel free to ignore what others tell you if your inner voice tells you something different. You've never been one to follow the herd.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

The upcoming full moon is likely to make even the most laidback of Librans pull out their hair in frustration. But after that, the fun times begin.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

The Sun's transit of the financial area of your chart is good for money matters but Saturn's shadow looms. There could be an expense you overlooked.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

You may not be the type to let a slur go by unanswered but just this once you would be wise to refrain from vengeance, even if it is deserved.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

It may not be your style to bite your tongue and keep your thoughts to yourself but that might be a wise move today – and over the weekend too.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

There is an obstacle between you and a person you think you should know. It may be frustrating but it's there for a reason.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Some people have a knack for rubbing you the wrong way and one person will give you a lot of grief today. Find ways to cut them out of your life.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Are you working more for other people than you are for yourself? You know the answer is yes and you know you must do something about it.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Sometimes it just isn't possible to make sense of the world around you and that's something you are going to have to get used to for a few days.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Everything is going right for you at the moment, thanks to the Sun's transit of the most dynamic area of your chart, but don't take it for granted.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

It might be a wise move to keep your plans, especially your career plans, to yourself today. Knowledge is power — keep it to yourself.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Misunderstandings of one sort or another are likely today, so make sure you spell out in simple language what it is you expect of other people.

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